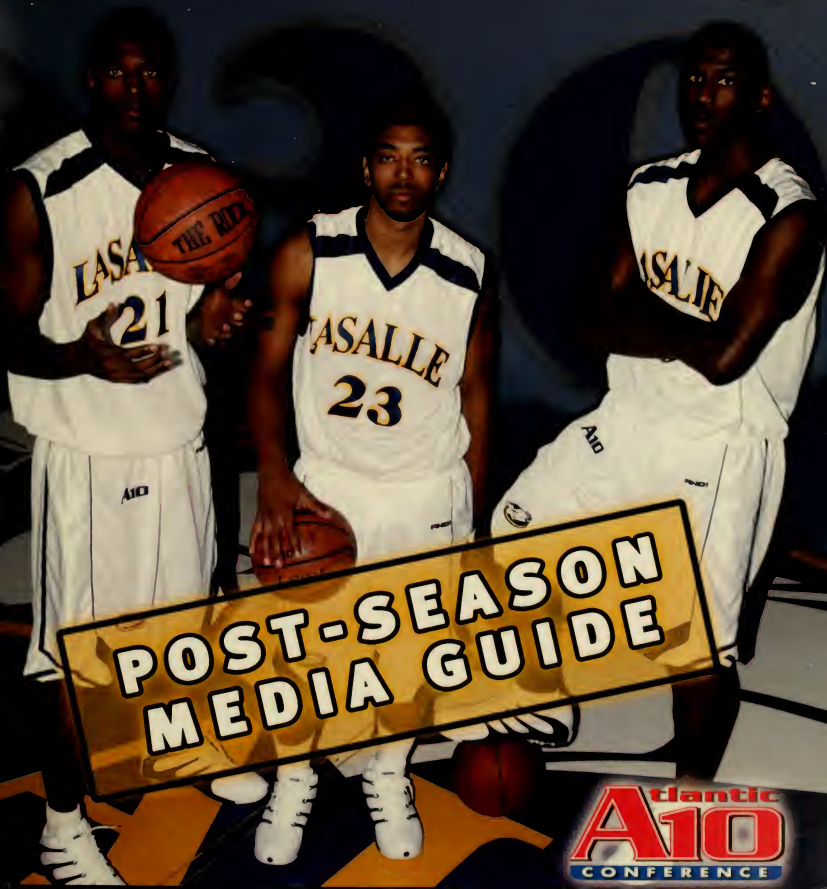


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2005-06 La Salle Men's Basketball Roster

Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
1	Paul Johnson	FR	F	6-6	195	Washington, DC/Gonzaga
2	Marshall Taylor	FR.	F	6-4	205	Philadelphia, PA/West Catholic (Siena)
3	Sherman Diaz	SO.	F	6-4	190	Diego Martin, Trinidad/Life Center Academy
4	Andrew Lewis*	SO.	G	6-3	185	Frenchtown, NJ/Delaware Valley Regional
11	Darnell Harris	SO.	G	6-1	165	Baltimore, MD/St. Francis
14	Tabby Cunningham	SO.	G	5-8	160	Philadelphia, PA/St. John Neumann
20	Sean Neal	JR.	G	6-2	185	Springfield, MA/Salisbury School
21	Lewis Fadipe	SR.	F/C	6-10	215	Lagos, Nigeria/Forest Hill School
23	Jermaine Thomas	SR.	G	6-2	175	Frederick, MD/Thomas Johnson
30	Steven Smith	SR.	F	6-9	225	Philadelphia, PA/Northeast
34	Andrew Crawford*	FR.	F	6-3	195	Philadelphia, PA/Bishop McDevitt
41	Brad Cohen*	FR.	G	6-1	200	Voorhees, NJ/Eastern Regional
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*walk-on

Explorers by Class: Seniors (3), Juniors (2), Sophomores (4), Freshmen (4)

Head Coach: Dr. John Giannini (North Central '84, second season, 17th overall)

Assistant Coaches: Walt Fuller (Drexel, '87, first season)
Horace Owens (Rhode Island '83, second season)
Ashley Howard (Drexel '04, second season)

Director of Basketball Operations: Harris Adler (University of Sciences '98, second season)

Pronunciation Key:

Fadipe - Fah-DEE-Pay
Giannini - JAH-Nee-Nee



DR. JOHN GIANNINI
HEAD COACH
SECOND SEASON
NORTH CENTRAL
CAREER RECORD: 321-177

After going 10-19 in his first season at the helm of the La Salle men's basketball team, Dr. John Giannini has led the Explorers to quite a turnaround in his second campaign at 20th and Olney. La Salle finished the regular season at 18-9, with a 10-6 mark in Atlantic 10 Conference play, and enjoyed its first winning season in 12 years. For his efforts, Giannini was selected as a finalist for the Jim Phelan Award for national coach of the year.

The Explorers turned heads by opening the season with seven straight wins, a feat they accomplished twice during season. La Salle also notched their most A-10 road wins in a season, winning four conference games away from Tom Gola Arena, and finished with their best A-10 record since joining the league in 1995. In addition, the Explorers put an end to a 15-game Big Five losing streak with a win over Temple.

Considering the short amount of time that Giannini has been at La Salle, guiding the Explorers to their first winning season in 12 years is no small feat.

On Aug. 23, 2004, La Salle introduced Giannini as the 18th head coach in the history of Explorer men's basketball. The late-summer appointment negated any recruiting efforts, leaving Coach Giannini with a team consisting of only seven available scholarship players for most of the season.

This short-handed team showed consistent improvement, going 5-5 in its last 10 games, ending Massachusetts' season in the first round of the Atlantic 10 Tournament and notching victories over Xavier, Fordham, and Richmond before taking Xavier to the wire in the A-10 quarterfinals.

Giannini came to Philadelphia after an impressive eight-year run at the University of Maine where he built the Black Bears into a perennial force in the America East Conference. During his tenure, Giannini compiled the best record of any coach in Maine history by going 125-111 with a pair of 20-win seasons, five trips to the America East semifinals or better, and appearances in the AEC's championship in game two of his last three seasons in Orono. The two 20-win campaigns are the only two on record in program history.

Over his last six seasons, after having two years of recruiting, he has accumulated more wins than any other coach in the conference with a record of 107-61. Giannini's Black Bear teams also notched major road wins at Providence, Marquette, Northwestern and St. Louis.

Giannini's knack for winning began much closer to the Philadelphia area, having spent seven seasons as head coach at Rowan University in nearby Glassboro, NJ. During his run as the Profs head coach, he amassed a 168-38 record and a Division III National Championship in 1996 with a team that went 28-4.

Before becoming the head coach at Rowan, Giannini served on Lou Henson's staff at the University of Illinois from 1987-89. In his two seasons as a graduate assistant, the Illini made two trips to the NCAA Tournament including a Final Four appearance in 1989 with a team that went 31-5 in the regular season.

Dr. John's Quick Hits

- The Explorers are 6-1 in overtime games under Coach Giannini.
- 14 of Giannini's wins with La Salle have come away from Tom Gola Arena.
- Giannini has a record of 14-10 at Tom Gola Arena.

The Giannini File

Year	Record	School	Postseason
1989-90	17-11	Rowan	NJAC Tournament, ECAC Tournament
1990-91	20-8	Rowan	NJAC Tournament, NCAA Tournament
1991-92	21-7	Rowan	NJAC Tournament, ECAC Tournament
1992-93	29-2	Rowan	NJAC Tournament, NCAA Tournament
1993-94	26-2	Rowan	NJAC Tournament, NCAA Tournament
1994-95	27-4	Rowan	NJAC Tournament, NCAA Tournament
1995-96	28-4	Rowan	NJAC Tournament, NCAA Champions
1996-97	7-20	Maine	America East Tournament
1997-98	11-20	Maine	America East Tournament
1998-99	19-9	Maine	America East Tournament, Semifinals
1999-00	24-7	Maine	America East Tournament, Semifinals
2000-01	18-11	Maine	America East Tournament, Semifinals
2001-02	12-18	Maine	America East Tournament, Final
2002-03	14-16	Maine	America East Tournament, Quarterfinals
2003-04	20-10	Maine	America East Tournament, Final
2004-05	10-19	La Salle	Atlantic 10 Tournament, Quarterfinals
2005-06	18-9	La Salle	
TOTAL	321-177		



#21 Lewis Fadipe

Senior • Forward/Center

6-10 • 225

Lagos, Nigeria • Forest Hill School



2005-06: Appeared in every game for La Salle, starting 25...had seven boards and four points against Saint Louis...pulled down four rebounds at Fordham...corralled six rebounds and scored four points at George Washington...had five rebounds against Dayton...grabbed six rebounds against St. Bonaventure...had five rebounds and three points at Xavier...scored six points and pulled six rebounds at Massachusetts...netted six points against Temple...scored eight points and blocked three shots at Duquesne...grabbed eight rebounds, scored seven points and swatted three shots at Penn...had seven points and six rebounds against Rhode Island...grabbed eight rebounds, scored two points and blocked two shots at Richmond...netted eight points, adding four rebounds against Duquesne...registered four points, two rebounds and two blocks against Hofstra...scored a career-high 12 points against St. Francis on 4-for-9 shooting, also had seven rebounds...tallied two points, two rebounds and three blocks at Villanova...had three rebounds and two points against Florida International...grabbed four boards at Central Connecticut State...registered 10 points, four rebounds and a block at James Madison...scored three points and swiped four rebounds against Drexel...recorded career highs in rebounds (nine) and blocks (five) against Mount St. Mary's...also scored nine points against the Mount...registered two points and two rebounds against American...scored six points and snared three boards at UMBC.

2004-05: Saw action in 27 games...made three starts...scored a season-high eight points against Fordham on Feb. 6 on 3-for-3 shooting...pulled in eight rebounds at Mount St. Mary's on Dec. 1...blocked four shots against Xavier on Feb. 27...shot 47 percent on the season.

2003-04: Missed the game against Dayton on Jan. 24 due to an elbow injury...led the Explorers in blocked shots 13 times this season...shot 4-4 from the field at Massachusetts on Jan. 7...grabbed three offensive boards against Virginia Commonwealth on Dec. 22 and at Lafayette on Nov. 29...assisted on one basket in four games this season...played in 28 games for the season.

2002-03: Appeared in 10 games before a season-ending dislocation and fracture of his elbow during the George Washington game (Jan. 11)...in limited action, gathered 2.1 rpg and scored 2.7 ppg...scored 11 points and blocked four shots against Quinnipiac (Dec. 30)...pulled down four rebounds against USC (Dec. 21)...posted six points and two blocked shots against Delaware (Nov. 22).

High School: A native of Lagos, Nigeria, trained two seasons with the Lagos Islanders before coming to the United States...enrolled at Christian Faith Center Academy in Creedmour, NC, in Jan. 2002, where he played sparingly after joining the team late in the season...rated as a high major player in Eastern Scouting Report...seen as a rebounder and shot blocker while developing his raw offensive talent.

Fadipe's Career Highs

Points	12 vs. St. Francis (PA) (12/28/05)
Minutes	26 vs. Mount St. Mary's (11/30/05)
FGM	5 vs. Quinnipiac (12/30/03)
FGA	9 vs. St. Francis (PA) (12/28/05)
3PM	n/a
3PA	1 at Mount St. Mary's (12/31/04)
FTM	5 vs. Rhode Island (1/18/06)
FTA	8 vs. St. Francis (PA) (12/28/05)
Rebounds	9 vs. Mount St. Mary's (11/30/05)
Assists	2 at Temple (3/5/05)
Blocks	5 vs. Mount St. Mary's (11/30/05)
Steals	2, four times

Fadipe's Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OR	DR	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	T	B	S	PTS	AVG
2002-03	10/0	106	11-18	.611	0-0	.000	5-8	.625	9	12	21	2.1	24	0	2	8	7	1	27	2.7
2003-04	28/0	338	17-35	.486	0-0	.000	7-21	.333	28	27	55	2.0	48	0	4	20	19	9	41	1.5
2004-05	27/3	357	21-45	.467	0-1	.000	15-34	.441	35	33	68	2.5	62	3	6	22	14	6	57	2.1
2005-06	27/25	414	39-83	.470	0-0	.000	33-55	.600	50	67	117	4.3	72	3	5	16	33	9	111	4.1
TOTALS	92/28	1215	88-178	.494	0-1	.000	60-118	.508	122	139	261	2.8	206	6	17	72	74	25	236	2.6

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La Salle Explorers Individual Game-by-Game (as of Mar 04, 2006)
All games

#21 FADIPE, Lewis

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		----REBOUNDS-----													
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
UMBC Retrievers	11-20-05	*	13	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	3.0	2	0	0	1	1	1	6	6.0
AMERICAN	11-26-05	*	15	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.5	5	1	0	1	0	0	2	4.0
SUNT SAINT MARY'S	11-30-05	*	26	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	4	5	9	4.7	2	0	1	2	5	1	9	5.7
Drexel	12/3/05	*	11	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3	1	4	4.5	4	0	0	1	1	1	3	5.0
James Madison	12/11/05	*	18	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	2	2	4	4.4	4	0	0	0	1	0	10	6.0
Central Connecticut	12/18/05	*	17	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	2	4	4.3	5	1	0	2	0	0	0	5.0
CU	12-20-05	*	12	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	4.1	1	0	2	1	0	1	2	4.6
Villanova	12/22/05		14	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1	1	2	3.9	3	0	1	0	3	0	2	4.3
FRANCIS	12-28-05	*	16	4-9	.444	0-0	.000	4-8	.500	3	4	7	4.2	5	1	0	2	1	0	12	5.1
OFSTRA	12-30-05	*	10	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	4.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	5.0
QUESNE	01-04-06	*	19	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	3	2	5	4.1	2	0	0	0	0	2	8	5.3
RICHMOND	01/07/06	*	16	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	6	8	4.4	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	5.0
CHARLOTTE	01/11/06	*	10	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0	0	0	4.1	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	4.6
Temple	1/14/06		5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	3.9	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4.3
ODE ISLAND	01-18-06	*	19	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	5-6	.833	2	4	6	4.1	3	0	0	1	0	0	7	4.5
Saint Joseph's	1/21/06	*	14	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	3.9	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	4.3
Penn	01/25/06	*	21	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	3-3	1.000	1	7	8	4.2	2	0	0	1	3	0	7	4.5
ASS	01/29/06	*	10	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	4.1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.2
Duquesne	02/01/06	*	21	4-4	1.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1	2	3	4.1	2	0	0	1	3	1	8	4.4
WLE	02/04/06	*	11	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	1	0	1	3.9	2	0	0	0	1	0	6	4.5
Massachusetts	2/8/06	*	27	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	4	2	6	4.0	3	0	0	1	1	0	6	4.6
Xavier	02-11-06	*	12	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	4	1	5	4.0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	4.5
BONAVENTURE	02/15/06	*	14	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0	6	6	4.1	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	4.4
YTON	02/18/06	*	15	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1	4	5	4.2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.3
#6/6 George Washing	2-22-06	*	13	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	4	6	4.2	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	4.3
Fordham Rams	03/01/06	*	13	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	2	4	4.2	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	4.1
INT LOUIS	03/04/06	*	22	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	3	4	7	4.3	4	0	0	1	2	0	4	4.1
Tals.....	25	414	39-83	.470	0-0	.000	33-55	.600	50	67	117	4.3	72	3	5	16	33	9	111	4.1	

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Games played: 27

Points/game: 4.1

Pct: 47.0

Pct: 60.0

Rebounds/game: 4.3

Assists/game: 0.2

Turnovers/game: 0.6

Assist/turnover ratio: 0.3

Steals/game: 0.3

Blocks/game: 1.2



#30 Steven Smith

Senior • Forward

6-9 • 225

Philadelphia, PA • Northeast



2005-06: Appeared in every game for La Salle, starting all but one...had a double-double with 26 points and 16 rebounds against Saint Louis...netted 33 points and grabbed five boards at Fordham...scored 10 points and pulled down six boards at George Washington...named Atlantic 10 Player of the Week on Feb. 19...scored 25 points, grabbed eight rebounds and handed out three assists against Dayton...scored 22 points to go along with six rebounds and six assists against St. Bonaventure...registered a double-double at Xavier with 23 points and 11 rebounds, adding five assists and a pair of blocks...netted 10 points at Massachusetts...scored 21 points and connected on a career-high five three-pointers in win over Temple...had 11 points, eight rebounds and four assists at Duquesne...had 24 points, nine rebounds and four assists against Massachusetts...netted 23 points at Penn...registered 17 points and six rebounds at Saint Joseph's...had 16 points and six rebounds against Rhode Island...scored 15 points and grabbed seven rebounds at Temple...registered a double-double against Charlotte with 17 points and 11 rebounds...had 14 points and seven rebounds at Richmond...scored 21 points against Duquesne...earned a double-double with 21 points and 10 boards against Hofstra...scored 16 points and added five rebounds and four assists against St. Francis...named Atlantic 10 Player of the Week on Dec. 26...scored 13 points to go along with eight rebounds, three assists and two blocks at Villanova...had 16 points, nine rebounds, five assists and three steals against Florida International...named Big 5 Player of the Week (Dec. 19) after scoring a career-high 41 points and grabbing 10 boards at Central Connecticut State...also six assists, three steals and a block against the Blue Devils...scored 10 points and added nine rebounds at James Madison...also had three assists and three steals against the Dukes...named Atlantic 10 Player of the Week (Dec. 4)...recorded a double-double against Drexel netting 26 points and grabbing 15 rebounds...scored a game-high 22 points against Mount St. Mary's, adding seven rebounds...named Big 5 Player of the Week (Nov. 28)...registered a double-double against American, scoring a game-high 31 points and pulling in 13 rebounds...scored 15 points at UMBC, where he had nine boards.

2004-05: An Associated Press All-America honorable mention selection...named the Atlantic 10 Co-Player of the Year...became the 43rd player in La Salle history to score 1,000 points on Dec. 28 at Mount Saint Mary's...was named the Atlantic 10 Player of the Week three times for the weeks ending Dec. 25, Jan. 1 and Feb. 12...scored 35 points on Dec. 22 at Cincinnati...led the A-10 in scoring, averaging 20.3 points per game...recorded a team-high 11 double-doubles...was twice named Big 5 Player of the Week for the weeks ending Dec. 25, Jan. 1...registered a career-high six assists against Fordham on Feb. 6...finished third in the A-10 in rebounding, grabbing 8.5 boards per game...third in the A-10 in defensive rebounds (5.52 rpg) and free throw shooting (81 percent)...finished fourth in the A-10 in offensive rebounds with 2.97 rpg...fifth in A-10 in field goal percentage after converting 43 percent of his shots...was a Preseason All-Atlantic 10 selection.

2003-04: An Atlantic 10 All-Conference Third Team selection...named Most Valuable Player of the Dr. Pepper Classic in Chattanooga, TN...notched eight double-doubles this season, including a 20-point, 15-rebound performance against Penn on Jan. 14...ranked in the Top 15 in six categories in the Atlantic 10 Conference...tied for best free throw shooting percentage (1.000, 10-for-10) against Duquesne (Jan. 28)...tied for third best rebound performance in a game for the Atlantic 10 with 15 against Penn on Jan. 14...led the Explorers in scoring in 10 games for the season...shot 11-13 (.846) from the field against St. Bonaventure on Feb. 14...shot 11-15 (.733) from the field against James Madison on Dec. 3...knocked down three three-point shots at Duquesne (Jan. 28) and again at Dayton (Feb. 28)...pulled down five offensive rebounds against Rhode Island on Feb. 4 and grabbed six against Rhode Island in the season finale (March 10).

2002-03: Appeared and started in all 20 games he was dressed for...named Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week three times before injuring his foot and missing the rest of the season...selected to the Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team...averaged 14.5 ppg, 8.1 rpg and 31.1 mpg...scored in double-digits in 17 of 20 games played...scored a season-high 23 points against St. Bonaventure (Jan. 18)...pulled down 15 rebounds and posted 18 points against Quinnipiac (Dec. 30)...accumulated five double-doubles in his freshman campaign...shot .889 from the floor on his way to scoring 21 points against Rutgers (Jan. 4)...ended the season on fire with two straight double-doubles including a 19-point, 14-rebound effort against Duquesne in his final game of the season (Feb. 8).

High School: A Philadelphia All-Public selection at Northeast High School in 2000-01...earned Second Team *Daily News* All-City honors in senior year...scored 21 points and 14 rebounds en route to being named Most Valuable Player of the Donofrio Tournament in Conshohocken, PA playing for HBA Waterview...averaged 16.8 points, 10.0 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game as a senior...born April 12, 1983.

Smith's Career Highs

Points	41 at Central Connecticut State (12/18/05)
Minutes	59 at Central Connecticut State (12/18/05)
FGM	17 at Central Connecticut State (12/18/05)
FGA	27 at Central Connecticut State (12/18/05)
3PM	5 vs. Temple (2/4/06)
3PA	8 vs. Duquesne (1/29/05)
FTM	11 vs. Dayton (2/18/06)
FTA	13 vs. Dayton (2/18/06)
Rebounds	16 vs. Saint Louis (3/4/06)
Assists	6 vs. Fordham (2/6/05)
	6 at Central Connecticut State (12/18/05)
	6 vs. St. Bonaventure (2/15/06)
Blocks	3 vs. Xavier (2/27/05)
	3 vs. CCSU (12/8/04)
Steals	5 vs. Dayton (1/24/04)

Smith's Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	MIN	FG	FGA	PCT	3FG	3FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	OR	DR	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	T	B	S	PTS	AVG
2002-03	20/20	622	106	208	.510	21	56	.375	56	75	.757	36	126	162	8.1	62	1	37	50	13	18	289	14.5
2003-04	30/30	1057	187	409	.457	33	101	.327	105	128	.820	79	165	244	8.1	96	2	34	80	13	32	512	17.1
2004-05	29/29	1153	206	481	.428	34	116	.293	142	176	.807	86	160	246	8.5	83	2	60	122	23	47	588	20.3
2005-06	27/26	978	204	416	.490	26	76	.342	107	139	.770	56	160	216	8.0	68	2	68	98	23	31	541	20.0
TOTALS	106/105	3810	703	1518	.463	114	347	.329	410	518	.792	257	611	868	8.2	308	7	179	350	72	128	1930	18.2

#30 SMITH, Steven

Games played: 27	Rebounds/game: 8.0
Points/game: 20.0	Assists/game: 2.5
Pct: 49.0	Turnovers/game: 3.6
3 Pct: 34.2	Assist/turnover ratio: 0.7
Pct: 77.0	Steals/game: 1.1
	Blocks/game: 0.9



#23 Jermaine Thomas

Senior • Guard

6-2 • 175

Frederick, MD • Thomas Johnson



2005-06: Senior guard has appeared in all 27 games this season, making 25 starts...scored 10 points against Saint Louis...netted 17 points on five three-pointers at Fordham...scored 10 points, additions four assists and three rebounds at George Washington...had 17 points, five assists and three rebounds against Dayton...registered 17 points, eight assists and five rebounds against St. Bonaventure...netted 18 points to go along with eight rebounds and six assists at Xavier...scored 12 points and handed out six assists at Massachusetts...had nine points, six assists and five rebounds in win over Temple...netted 20 points at Duquesne...scored 19 points, grabbed six rebounds and doled out five assists against Massachusetts...netted 10 points and pulled six rebounds at Penn...scored eight points at Saint Joseph's...scored 16 points against Rhode Island...tallied eight points against Charlotte...scored nine points and had five assists at Richmond...netted 12 points to go along with five assists and four rebounds against Duquesne...scored nine points and added five assists and two rebounds against Hofstra...had 14 points and eight rebounds against St. Francis...registered six points and six rebounds to go along with two assists at Villanova...tallied 13 points (including his 1,000th career point), six rebounds and five assists against Florida International...registered 10 points, four boards and four assists in 57 minutes at Central Connecticut State...scored seven points to go along with five rebounds and four steals at James Madison...registered nine points and three boards against Drexel...tallied 18 points on 7-for-11 shooting against Mount St. Mary's...netted 14 points against American...had a game-high 17 points at UMBC.

2004-05: Scored a career-high 33 points while playing with a torn ligament in his left ring finger at Duquesne on Feb. 23...shot 7-for-8 from the three-point line in the same game...made at least four treys in 10 games...scored 20-plus points five times...shot 42 percent from the field and 39 percent from beyond the arc...grabbed a season-high six rebounds in three games...dished out seven assists at Temple on March 5...appeared in all but one game, making 26 starts.

2003-04: Missed two games as a result of a concussion sustained in the Feb. 14 game against St. Bonaventure...scored in double-digits eight times...shot 50 percent or better 11 times...shot 5-7 from three-point range at Saint Joseph's on Feb. 7...a starter in all but one game he competed in this season...posted lone block of the season against Villanova on Dec. 6...led the Explorers in scoring with 15 points against Appalachian State on Nov. 24 and tied for a team-high 16 points at Lafayette on Nov. 29...dished out a team-high assists in nine games.

2002-03: One of four Explorers to appear in all 29 games and the only Explorer to start in every game...was one of three Explorers to earn an Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week honor...owned an 11.5 ppg average along with a 4.3 assists per game average as a freshman...boasted a .790 free throw percentage (124-157)...scored twenty or more points in three games including Cincinnati, where he tallied 25 points (Dec. 14)...dished out nine assists while scoring 13 points against Duquesne (Feb. 8)...pulled down nine rebounds, assisted on four Explorer baskets and scored 20 points against Temple where he went 6-8 from the three-point line (March 6).

High School: A four-year All-State selection at Thomas Johnson High School in Frederick, MD...as a senior, averaged 25.9 points, 7.1 assists and 7 rebounds...named the *Washington Post* Player of the Year and helped his team to a 25-2 record as the team advanced to the Maryland 4A Championship...averaged 24.2 points per game as a junior and led his team to the Class 3A state finals...named the *Frederick News-Post* Player of the Year as both a sophomore and a junior...competed on the Patriots' 1999 state championship squad...shattered nine school records including points and assists...tied the single season scoring record with 51 points in the 4A East Region final against Meade.

Thomas' Career Highs

Points	33 at Duquesne (2/23/05)
Minutes	57 at Central Connecticut State (12/18/05)
FGM	11 at Duquesne (2/23/05)
FGA	16 vs. Xavier (3/10/05)
	16 at Dayton (1/22/05)
3PM	7 at Duquesne (2/23/05)
3PA	12 vs. Appalachian State (11/24/03)
FTM	12 at Cincinnati (12/14/02)
FTA	14 at Maryland-Baltimore County (11/20/06)
Rebounds	9 at Temple (3/6/03)
Assists	9 at Duquesne (2/8/03)
Blocks	1, four times
Steals	4 vs. Rhode Island (2/4/04)
	4 at James Madison (12/11/05)
	4 vs. Massachusetts (1/29/06)

Thomas' Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OR	DR	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	B	S	PTS	AVG
2002-03	29/29	968	86-225	.382	37-108	.343	124-157	.790	13	68	81	2.8	76	3	126	87	0	47	333	11.5
2003-04	28/27	773	69-192	.359	44-134	.328	20-30	.667	8	53	61	2.2	45	0	68	51	1	32	202	7.2
2004-05	28/26	998	126-301	.419	71-183	.388	72-91	.791	22	84	106	3.8	52	0	59	38	2	43	395	14.1
2005-06	27/25	940	104-250	.416	48-129	.372	76-93	.817	27	87	114	4.2	49	1	103	64	2	34	332	12.3
TOTALS	112/107	3640	385-968	.398	200-554	.361	292-371	.787	70	292	362	3.2	222	4	356	240	1	156	1262	11.3

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#23 THOMAS, Jermaine

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		----REBOUNDS----										PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg												
UMBC Retrievers	11-20-05		30	2-5	.400	2-5	.400	11-14	.786	0	3	3	3.0	4	0	2	3	1	2	17	17.0				
AMERICAN	11-26-05	*	28	3-7	.429	2-4	.500	6-6	1.000	2	3	5	4.0	2	0	3	0	0	1	14	15.5				
SANT SAINT MARY'S	11-30-05	*	29	7-11	.636	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	1	6	7	5.0	2	0	1	2	0	1	18	16.3				
Drexel	12/3/05	*	37	3-7	.429	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	4.5	1	0	2	1	0	1	9	14.5				
James Madison	12/11/05	*	32	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	5-8	.625	1	4	5	4.6	1	0	1	6	0	4	7	13.0				
Central Connecticut	12/18/05	*	57	3-9	.333	2-7	.286	2-2	1.000	3	1	4	4.5	2	0	4	6	0	1	10	12.5				
U	12-20-05	*	35	4-8	.500	2-3	.667	3-4	.750	1	5	6	4.7	0	0	5	1	0	0	13	12.6				
Villanova	12/22/05	*	26	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	3-4	.750	1	5	6	4.9	3	0	2	3	0	0	6	11.8				
FRANCIS	12-28-05	*	26	5-8	.625	2-3	.667	2-4	.500	3	5	8	5.2	0	0	3	1	0	2	14	12.0				
FOSTRA	12-30-05	*	34	3-12	.250	2-5	.400	1-1	1.000	1	1	2	4.9	1	0	5	2	0	1	9	11.7				
DUESNE	01-04-06	*	26	6-12	.500	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	4	4	4.8	0	0	5	1	0	1	12	11.7				
RICHMOND	01/07/06	*	33	2-13	.154	1-4	.250	4-4	1.000	1	1	2	4.6	3	0	5	0	0	3	9	11.5				
CARLOTTE	01/11/06	*	34	3-12	.250	2-9	.222	0-0	.000	0	1	1	4.3	2	0	3	3	0	2	8	11.2				
Temple	1/14/06	*	37	1-6	.167	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	1	7	8	4.6	3	0	4	1	0	1	3	10.6				
ODE ISLAND	01-18-06	*	38	5-11	.455	2-6	.333	4-4	1.000	0	2	2	4.4	3	0	4	2	0	0	16	11.0				
Saint Joseph's	1/21/06	*	33	3-11	.273	0-5	.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	4.2	5	1	3	2	1	2	8	10.8				
Penn	01/25/06	*	34	4-6	.667	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	1	5	6	4.3	4	0	4	3	0	0	10	10.8				
ASS	01/29/06	*	35	6-13	.462	2-6	.333	5-7	.714	3	3	6	4.4	0	0	5	3	0	4	19	11.2				
Duquesne	02/01/06	*	38	6-12	.500	3-8	.375	5-6	.833	0	7	7	4.5	1	0	2	2	0	0	20	11.7				
WLE	02/04/06	*	39	3-6	.500	3-4	.750	0-1	.000	1	4	5	4.6	1	0	6	2	0	0	9	11.6				
Massachusetts	2/8/06	*	37	4-11	.364	1-6	.167	3-3	1.000	0	2	2	4.4	2	0	6	3	0	2	12	11.6				
Xavier	02-11-06	*	39	4-8	.500	3-4	.750	7-8	.875	3	5	8	4.6	2	0	6	4	0	1	18	11.9				
BONAVENTURE	02/15/06	*	35	6-11	.545	3-6	.500	2-2	1.000	2	3	5	4.6	2	0	8	1	0	0	17	12.1				
TON	02/18/06	*	37	6-14	.429	2-7	.286	3-4	.750	1	2	3	4.5	1	0	5	4	0	2	17	12.3				
#6/6 George Washing	2-22-06	*	39	3-6	.500	2-5	.400	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	4.5	3	0	4	4	0	0	10	12.2				
Fordham Rams	03/01/06	*	36	6-12	.500	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	0	1	1	4.3	1	0	3	1	0	1	17	12.4				
SANT LOUIS	03/04/06	*	36	4-10	.400	2-6	.333	0-1	.000	1	0	1	4.2	0	0	2	3	0	2	10	12.3				

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Games played: 27

Rebounds/game: 4.2

Points/game: 12.3

Assists/game: 3.8

Pct: 41.6

Turnovers/game: 2.4

Pct: 37.2

Assist/turnover ratio: 1.6

Pct: 81.7

Steals/game: 1.3

Blocks/game: 0.1



#20 Sean Neal

Junior • Guard

6-2 • 185

Springfield, MA • Salisbury School



2005-06: Has seen action in 17 games for the Explorers...had a steal against Dayton...scored two points, grabbed two rebounds and had a steal against St. Bonaventure...dished out a pair of assists and grabbed a rebound at Massachusetts...registered a steal at Duquesne...dished out two assists against Duquesne...scored two points against St. Francis...registered an assist at Villanova...scored two points at James Madison on a pair of free throws...also added an assist against the Dukes.

2004-05: Played in all but one game for the Explorers...made four starts...scored a career-high eight points at American on Dec. 28...snared four rebounds at both Duquesne and Cincinnati...also had five steals at Duquesne...averaged 13.5 minutes per game...shot 31 percent from the field.

2003-04: Competed in 16 games during his freshman campaign...led the Explorers in assists and steals at Lafayette on Nov. 29...logged double-digit minutes in four games including a 31-minute performance at Lafayette...shot 2-for-2 from the free throw line at Lafayette...converted his only attempt from the field against Appalachian State on Nov. 24...hit first collegiate three-point shot in the regular season finale against George Washington on March 6.

High School: Prepped for two seasons at Salisbury School in Connecticut...averaged 17 points and six assists in 2001-02 at the Salisbury School...averaged 25 points and eight assists in his final year at Springfield Cathedral...named *Union News-Sunday Republican* Western Massachusetts Player of the Year...selected as the Massachusetts Coaches Association Regional Player of the Year...member of the Western Massachusetts Championship team at Springfield Cathedral.

Neal's Career Highs

Points	8 at American (12/28/04)
Minutes	34 at Duquesne (2/23/05)
FGM	3 at American (12/28/04)
FGA	6 at Cincinnati (12/22/04)
3PM	2 at Hofstra (11/24/04)
3PA	3 at Duquesne (2/23/05)
FTM	4 vs. Saint Joseph's (1/15/05)
FTA	6 vs. Saint Joseph's (1/15/05)
Rebounds	4 at Duquesne (2/23/05)
	4 at Cincinnati (12/22/04)
Assists	6 at Lafayette (11/29/03)
Blocks	n/a
Steals	5 at Duquesne (2/23/05)
	5 at Lafayette (11/29/03)

Neal's Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OR	DR	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	B	S	PTS	AVG
2003-04	15/0	105	3-9	.333	1-3	.333	4-7	.571	1	5	6	0.4	14	0	12	15	0	9	11	0.7
2004-05	29/4	379	16-51	.314	8-27	.296	12-23	.522	1	28	29	1.0	27	0	34	15	0	22	52	1.8
2005-06	17/0	68	2-7	.286	0-1	.000	2-4	.500	1	2	3	0.2	7	0	7	8	0	4	6	0.4
TOTALS	61/4	552	21-67	.313	9-31	.290	18-34	.529	3	35	38	0.6	48	0	53	38	0	35	69	1.1

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#20 NEAL, Sean

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		---REBOUNDS---										A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO								
UMBC Retrievers	11-20-05	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0			
AMERICAN	11-26-05	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0			
SANT SAINT MARY'S	11-30-05	10	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0.0			
James Madison	12/11/05	4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	3	0	1	0	0	1	2	0.5			
Central Connecticut	12/18/05	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4			
U	12-20-05	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3			
Villanova	12/22/05	5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.3			
FRANCIS	12-28-05	9	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0.5			
QUESNE	01-04-06	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0.4			
Duquesne	02/01/06	4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.4			
Massachusetts	2/8/06	6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0.4			
Xavier	02-11-06	1	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3			
BONAVENTURE	02/15/06	13	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0.5		
YTON	02/18/06	5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.4		
#6/6 George Washing	2-22-06	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4			
Fordham Rams	03/01/06	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4			
ST LOUIS	03/04/06	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4			
Tals.....		0	68	2-7	.286	0-1	.000	2-4	.500	1	2	3	0.2	7	0	7	8	0	4	6	0.4		

Games played: 17
Points/game: 0.4
Pct: 28.6
Pct: 0.0
Pct: 50.0

Rebounds/game: 0.2
Assists/game: 0.4
Turnovers/game: 0.5
Assist/turnover ratio: 0.9
Steals/game: 0.2



#42 Mike St. John

Junior • Forward

6-8 • 230

Northboro, MA • River School



2005-06: A junior forward who has appeared in 27 games, making one start...registered 10 rebounds and seven points at Fordham...tallied eight points and four rebounds at George Washington...scored four points and had three assists against Dayton...pulled down nine rebounds to go along with seven points at Xavier...scored 13 points and swiped seven rebounds at Massachusetts...grabbed seven rebounds against Temple...scored five points and pulled four rebounds at Duquesne...grabbed seven boards and scored four points against Massachusetts...swept seven rebounds and scored three points at Penn...scored seven points and grabbed nine rebounds at Saint Joseph's...swept nine rebounds against Rhode Island...scored nine points and snared eight rebounds at Temple...grabbed 13 rebounds and scored six points against Charlotte...had 11 points and five rebounds at Richmond...scored five points and swiped six rebounds against Duquesne...grabbed two boards and scored one point against Hofstra...grabbed five rebounds and swiped a career-high five steals against St. Francis...scored one point, grabbed two rebounds and had two steals at Villanova...recorded a double-double with 13 rebounds and 12 points against Florida International...pulled nine rebounds and had eight points at Central Connecticut State...registered eight points and six rebounds at James Madison...was 4-for-6 from the floor for a season-high nine points, including a crucial three-pointer against Drexel...scored four points and collected four boards against Mount St. Mary's...tallied six points and six boards against American...scored three points and had five rebounds at UMBL.

2004-05: Recorded second career double-double with 14 points and 15 rebounds at Richmond on Feb. 9...tallied double-digits in points on five occasions...doled out six assists at Duquesne on Feb. 23...blocked a pair of shots against Central Connecticut State on Dec. 8...shot 43 percent from the field...played in all 29 games, starting all but one.

2003-04: Made first career start on Dec. 22 at home against Virginia Commonwealth...notched first career double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds against Temple on Feb. 25...played in 29 games for the Explorers...led the team in rebounds against both Temple and South Carolina State...led the team in steals against South Carolina State...went 5-for-7 (.714) from the field at Fordham on March 3...grabbed six offensive boards against Temple.

High School: Played final two years at the River School in Weston, MA...averaged 24 points and 14 rebounds for the 2002-03 season at the River School...two-time All-Independent School League selection...led the ISL in rebounding back-to-back seasons...averaged 19.3 ppg and 16 rpg as a senior at Algonquin High School...*Telegram-Gazette*, Central Massachusetts, Metro West and Midwach B All-Star selection...a McDonald's High School All-American nominee.

St. John's Career Highs

Points	14 at Richmond (2/9/05)
Minutes	41 vs. Xavier (2/27/05)
FGM	6 at Hofstra (11/24/04)
FGA	10 vs. Massachusetts (2/19/05)
	10 vs. Central Connecticut State (12/8/04)
	10 at Hofstra (11/24/04)
	10 at Massachusetts (2/8/06)
3PM	3 at Richmond (2/9/05)
	3 at Massachusetts (2/8/06)
3PA	7 vs. Central Connecticut State (12/8/04)
FTM	6 vs. Florida International (12/20/05)
FTA	8 vs. Southern California (11/30/04)
	8 vs. Florida International (12/20/05)
Rebounds	15 at Richmond (2/9/05)
Assists	6 at Duquesne (2/23/05)
Blocks	2 vs. Central Connecticut State (12/8/04)
Steals	5 vs. St. Francis (PA) (12/28/05)

St. John's Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OR	DR	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	B	S	PTS	AVG
2003-04	30/22	699	51-120	.425	1-7	.143	29-56	.518	67	72	139	4.6	66	2	19	25	6	15	132	4.4
2004-05	29/28	853	70-163	.429	18-65	.277	32-57	.561	55	104	159	5.5	89	3	39	35	7	21	190	6.6
2005-06	27/1	698	52-113	.460	18-47	.383	32-56	.571	49	119	168	6.2	73	2	31	46	7	23	154	5.7
TOTALS	86/51	2250	173-396	.437	37-120	.308	93-169	.550	171	295	466	5.4	228	7	89	106	20	59	476	5.5

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#42 ST. JOHN, Mike

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	[---TOTAL---]		[---3-PTS---]		[----REBOUNDS----]										Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl
UNBC Retrievers	11-20-05	24	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	1	4	5	5.0	2	0	2	3	0	1	3
FRICAN	11-26-05	25	1-5	.200	1-3	.333	3-4	.750	2	4	6	5.5	2	0	2	3	0	0	6
NT SAINT MARY'S	11-30-05	22	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	0	4	4	5.0	1	0	2	2	0	0	4
Drexel	12/3/05	29	4-6	.667	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	3	4	7	5.5	3	0	1	0	0	0	9
James Madison	12/11/05	23	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	1	5	6	5.6	2	0	0	2	0	1	8
Central Connecticut	12/18/05	33	3-4	.750	1-1	1.000	1-2	.500	1	8	9	6.2	5	1	1	1	1	0	8
	12-20-05	29	3-7	.429	1-4	.250	6-8	.750	4	8	12	7.0	3	0	0	2	0	0	13
Villanova	12/22/05	18	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	1	2	6.4	3	0	1	3	0	2	1
FRANCIS	12-28-05	28	1-6	.167	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1	4	5	6.2	0	0	2	2	0	5	3
STRA	12-30-05	11	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	1	2	5.8	2	0	1	2	0	0	1
UESNE	01-04-06	25	2-5	.400	0-1	.000	1-3	.333	3	3	6	5.8	3	0	1	0	0	1	5
RICHMOND	01/07/06	31	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	2	3	5	5.8	0	0	1	0	0	2	11
BLLOTTE	01/11/06	30	2-4	.500	0-2	.000	2-5	.400	2	11	13	6.3	3	0	2	2	1	1	6
Temple	1/14/06	34	4-8	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	3	5	8	6.4	4	0	1	4	0	2	9
DE ISLAND	01-18-06	27	0-4	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	9	9	6.6	3	0	2	2	1	0	0
Saint Joseph's	1/21/06	29	3-4	.750	1-1	1.000	0-1	.000	4	5	9	6.8	2	0	1	2	0	2	7
Penn	01/25/06	22	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	3	4	7	6.8	4	0	0	2	1	0	3
SS	01/29/06	35	2-5	.400	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	7	7	6.8	3	0	0	1	1	0	4
Duquesne	02/01/06	16	2-4	.500	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1	3	4	6.6	2	0	2	1	0	0	5
ITLE	02/04/06	29	2-4	.500	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	3	4	7	6.7	3	0	1	3	0	0	5
Massachusetts	2/8/06	25	5-10	.500	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	3	4	7	6.7	3	0	2	1	1	1	13
Xavier	02-11-06	28	2-3	.667	2-2	1.000	1-2	.500	3	6	9	6.8	4	0	1	1	0	1	7
BONAVENTURE	02/15/06	24	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	6.6	2	0	1	2	1	0	2
TON	02/18/06	26	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0	1	1	6.4	2	0	3	0	0	0	4
#6/6 George Washing	2-22-06	26	2-6	.333	2-5	.400	2-3	.667	2	2	4	6.3	3	0	1	3	0	0	8
Fordham Rams	03/01/06	31	2-4	.500	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	5	5	10	6.4	4	0	0	1	0	4	7
NT LOUIS	03/04/06	18	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	6.2	5	1	0	1	0	0	2

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es played: 27
 nts/game: 5.7
 Pct: 46.0
 Pct: 38.3
 Pct: 57.1

Rebounds/game: 6.2
 Assists/game: 1.1
 Turnovers/game: 1.7
 Assist/turnover ratio: 0.7
 Steals/game: 0.9
 Blocks/game: 0.3



#14 Tabby Cunningham

Sophomore • Guard

5-8 • 160

Philadelphia, PA • St. John Neumann



2005-06: Has appeared in 24 games for the Explorers, starting 18...scored eight points against Saint Louis...notched seven points and three assists at Fordham...had four assists, two steals and two points at George Washington...returned to the lineup against Dayton after missing three games with an ankle injury...dished out four assists in win over Temple...grabbed a career-high seven rebounds at Duquesne, adding seven assists...had two points and three assists against Massachusetts...scored two points, grabbed three boards and dealt four assists at Penn...netted four points and had four assists against Rhode Island...scored five points and dished out three assists against Charlotte...had three points and two assists at Richmond...netted four points with three rebounds against Duquesne...tallied six points, three rebounds and three assists against Hofstra...had six points and four assists against St. Francis...scored five points and added an assist at Villanova...had two points, two rebounds and a steal against Florida International...registered nine points in quadruple-overtime win at Central Connecticut State...tallied a team-high 13 points at James Madison, with two assists and two steals...scored six points against Drexel, adding four steals and a pair of rebounds...scored four points and had four steals against Mount St. Mary's...scored five points against American and added eight assists...was 6-for-6 from the charity stripe at UMBC to account for all six of his points.

2004-05: Started 24 of the 29 games he played...scored a season-high 17 points in overtime win against Florida International on Jan. 11...seven of those points came in the extra frame...averaged 6.1 points per game...scored in double figures five times...shot 40 percent from the field...pulled down five rebounds in three different games...dished out a season-high nine assists at Temple on March 5...had seven assists at Richmond on Feb. 9.

High School: Finished his career after being named first team All-Philadelphia Catholic League three times and running the point for Head Coach Carl Arigale's two-time PCL Champions at St. John Neumann...was rated by *USA Today* as one of the ten best underclassmen ball handlers in the nation after his sophomore season...finished his prep career by averaging 11.5 points, seven assists and just fewer than three steals per game.

Cunningham's Career Highs

Points	17 vs. Florida International (1/11/05)
Minutes	42 vs. Massachusetts (2/19/05)
FGM	7 vs. Florida International (1/11/05)
FGA	12 vs. Florida International (1/11/05)
3PM	2 vs. Florida International (1/11/05)
3PA	5 vs. Florida International (1/11/05)
FTM	7 vs. Southern California (11/30/04)
FTA	8 vs. Southern California (11/30/04)
Rebounds	7 at Duquesne (2/1/06)
Assists	9 at Temple (3/5/05)
Blocks	1, four times
Steals	5 vs. James Madison (11/20/04)

Cunningham's Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OR	DR	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	B	S	PTS	AVG
2004-05	29/24	926	58-144	.403	15-40	.375	47-63	.746	5	57	62	2.1	58	0	132	110	1	51	178	6.1
2005-06	24/18	507	39-92	.424	3-11	.273	24-30	.800	6	27	33	1.4	47	1	67	46	2	28	105	4.4
TOTALS	53/42	1433	97-236	.411	18-51	.352	71-93	.763	11	84	94	1.8	105	1	199	156	1	78	295	5.6

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#14 CUNNINGHAM, Tabby

onent	Date	GS	Min	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		----REBOUNDS----										Pts	Avg			
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	FF	FO	A	TO			Blk	Stl	
UMBC Retrievers	11-20-05	*	24	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	6-6	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	3	0	2	1	0	0	6	6.0	
RICAN	11-26-05	*	26	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	8	2	0	1	5	5.5	
NT SAINT MARY'S	11-30-05	*	17	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	1	2	0	4	4	5.0	
Drexel	12/3/05	*	29	2-4	.500	0-1	.000	2-3	.667	1	1	2	0.5	0	0	4	4	1	3	6	5.3	
James Madison	12/11/05	*	31	6-9	.667	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.4	3	0	2	3	0	2	13	6.8	
Central Connecticut	12/18/05	*	20	3-7	.429	0-1	.000	3-3	1.000	0	0	0	0.3	5	1	1	0	0	2	9	7.2	
	12-20-05	*	16	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.6	2	0	0	3	0	1	2	6.4	
Villanova	12/22/05		18	2-4	.500	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.5	1	0	1	2	0	0	5	6.3	
FRANCIS	12-28-05	*	20	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.6	3	0	4	0	0	2	6	6.2	
STRA	12-30-05	*	25	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	0.8	4	0	3	4	0	0	6	6.2	
UESNE	01-04-06	*	26	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	1.0	1	0	2	0	0	1	4	6.0	
RICHMOND	01/07/06	*	17	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	3-3	1.000	0	0	0	0.9	3	0	2	2	0	1	5	5.9	
ALOTTE	01/11/06	*	28	2-6	.333	0-2	.000	1-1	1.000	0	1	1	0.9	1	0	3	4	0	2	5	5.8	
Temple	1/14/06	*	11	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.9	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	5.4	
DE ISLAND	01-18-06	*	21	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.8	2	0	4	0	0	0	4	5.3	
Saint Joseph's	1/21/06	*	23	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.8	3	0	3	1	0	0	2	5.1	
Penn	01/25/06	*	29	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1	2	3	0.9	1	0	4	4	0	1	2	4.9	
SS	01/29/06	*	32	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	1.1	4	0	3	2	0	0	2	4.8	
Duquesne	02/01/06	*	28	1-6	.167	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	2	5	7	1.4	1	0	7	2	1	2	2	4.6	
WLE	02/04/06		14	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.4	1	0	4	2	0	1	0	4.4	
TON	02/18/06		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4.2	
#6/6 George Washing	2-22-06		16	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.3	3	0	4	3	0	2	2	4.1	
Fordham Rams	03/01/06		19	3-4	.750	0-1	.000	1-1	1.000	0	2	2	1.3	2	0	3	2	0	3	7	4.2	
NT LOUIS	03/04/06		15	1-4	.250	1-1	1.000	5-6	.833	0	2	2	1.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	4.4	
als.....			18	507	39-92	.424	3-11	.273	24-30	.800	6	27	33	1.4	47	1	67	46	2	28	105	4.4

as played: 24
nts/game: 4.4
Pct: 42.4
Pct: 27.3
Pct: 80.0

Rebounds/game: 1.4
Assists/game: 2.8
Turnovers/game: 1.9
Assist/turnover ratio: 1.5
Steals/game: 1.2
Blocks/game: 0.1



#3 Sherman Diaz

Sophomore • Forward

6-4 • 190

Diego Martin, Trinidad • Life Center Academy



2005-06: A sophomore who has appeared in 25 games, making three starts...scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds against Saint Louis...scored nine points and grabbed four rebounds against Dayton...had 11 points, three three-pointers and three assists, all career-highs, against St. Bonaventure...scored eight points at Duquesne...scored two points and had a key steal against Massachusetts...scored four points at Penn, including a slam dunk...netted five points at Saint Joseph's...scored two points against Charlotte...grabbed three rebounds against St. Francis...registered two points, six rebounds, one block and an assist at Villanova...provided a spark off the bench in the second half against Florida International, scoring 11 points and pulling three rebounds...grabbed a key offensive rebound in the fourth overtime at Central Connecticut State...had a steal and a rebound at James Madison...started season-opener at UMBC, scored three points.

2004-05: Saw action in nine games during his freshman campaign...made first career start at Cincinnati on Dec. 22...scored 11 points at Mount St. Mary's on Dec. 31...chipped in with seven points at Penn on Dec. 4...grabbed four boards three different times...blocked a pair of shots at American on Dec. 28...averaged 14.9 minutes.

High School: Averaged 18 points, five rebounds and four assists in his senior season at Life Center in Burlington, NJ...was named to the all-tournament team at the National Christian Invitational in Erie, PA.

Diaz's Career Highs

Points	11 at Mount St. Mary's (12/31/04)
	11 vs. Florida International (12/20/05)
	11 vs. St. Bonaventure (2/15/06)
	11 vs. Saint Louis (3/4/06)
Minutes	29 at Cincinnati (12/22/04)
FGM	5 at Mount St. Mary's (12/31/04)
FGA	6, five times
3PM	3 vs. St. Bonaventure (2/15/06)
3PA	4 vs. St. Bonaventure (2/15/06)
FTM	4 vs. Southern California (11/30/04)
	4 vs. Saint Louis (3/4/06)
FTA	6 vs. Southern California (11/30/04)
Rebounds	6 at Villanova (12/22/05)
	6 vs. Saint Louis (3/4/06)
Assists	3 at Mount St. Mary's (12/31/04)
	3 vs. St. Bonaventure (2/15/06)
Blocks	2 at American (12/28/04)
	2 vs. Dayton (2/18/06)
Steals	3 at Cincinnati (12/22/04)

Diaz's Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OR	DR	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	B	S	PTS	AVG
2004-05	9/1	134	9-26	.346	3-10	.300	4-7	.571	4	18	22	2.4	11	0	7	5	4	5	25	2.8
2005-06	25/3	286	26-67	.388	6-24	.250	15-17	.882	23	19	42	1.7	26	0	15	12	10	14	73	2.9
TOTALS	34/4	420	35-93	.376	9-33	.273	19-24	.792	27	37	64	1.9	37	0	22	17	6	19	98	2.9

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#03 DIAZ, Sherman

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		-----REBOUNDS-----														Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl				
UMBC Retrievers	11-20-05	*	9	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	1-1	1.000	1	1	2	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3.0		
AMERICAN	11-26-05		5	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.5		
SANT SAINT MARY'S	11-30-05		14	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	1	2	3	1.7	4	0	1	2	1	1	1	1.3		
James Madison	12/11/05		5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1.0		
Central Connecticut	12/18/05		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.8		
U	12-20-05		21	4-6	.667	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	1.7	2	0	1	1	0	1	11	2.5		
Villanova	12/22/05	*	19	1-6	.167	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	4	2	6	2.3	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	2.4		
FRANCIS	12-28-05		12	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	2.4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2.1		
ASTRA	12-30-05		4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.9		
DUQUESNE	01-04-06		5	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.7		
CARLOTTE	01/11/06		8	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.8	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1.7		
Temple	1/14/06		1	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1.6		
RODE ISLAND	01-18-06		5	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1.5		
Saint Joseph's	1/21/06		18	2-6	.333	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	1	1	2	1.6	2	0	0	0	1	1	5	1.7		
Penn	01/25/06		20	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	1.5	1	0	2	0	1	2	4	1.9		
DASS	01/29/06		5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	1.4	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1.9		
Duquesne	02/01/06		14	4-6	.667	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	1.5	2	0	1	0	0	0	8	2.2		
WLE	02/04/06		7	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.4	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2.1		
Massachusetts	2/8/06		8	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.0		
Xavier	02-11-06		6	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.3	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2.0		
BONAVENTURE	02/15/06		25	4-6	.667	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	3	2	5	1.5	2	0	3	2	1	1	11	2.4		
STON	02/18/06		21	3-5	.600	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	3	1	4	1.6	2	0	0	2	0	9	2.7			
#6/6 George Washing	2-22-06		14	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.5	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	2.7		
Fordham Rams	03/01/06		13	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.5	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	2.6		
SANT LOUIS	03/04/06	*	26	3-5	.600	1-2	.500	4-4	1.000	3	3	6	1.7	3	0	1	0	0	11	2.9			
Totals.....			3	286		26-67	.388	6-24	.250	15-17	.882	23	19	42	1.7	26	0	15	12	10	14	73	2.9

Games played: 25

Rebounds/game: 1.7

Assists/game: 2.9

Assists/game: 0.6

Pct: 38.8

Turnovers/game: 0.5

Pct: 25.0

Assist/turnover ratio: 1.3

Pct: 88.2

Steals/game: 0.6

Blocks/game: 0.4



#11 Darnell Harris

Junior • Guard

6-1 • 165

Baltimore, MD • St. Francis



2005-06: Played in all 27 games, making 14 starts...netted 10 points at Fordham...scored 19 points at George Washington...registered 16 points on four three-pointers against Dayton...had 12 points and five rebounds against St. Bonaventure...netted 18 points, grabbed six rebounds and dealt three assists at Xavier...scored 14 points and grabbed a career-high nine rebounds at Massachusetts...tallied 19 points on five three-pointers against Temple...scored 12 points at Duquesne...netted 14 points against Massachusetts...scored 14 points at Penn...scored seven points at Saint Joseph's...netted 14 points against Rhode Island...scored 17 points at Temple on five three-pointers and dished out five assists...scored seven points against Charlotte...scored 15 points at Richmond, going 4-for-7 from three-point land...hit for 14 points against Duquesne...scored 16 points against Hofstra, including four three-pointers...netted 12 points, going 4-for-4 from the floor against St. Francis...scored a team-high 15 points at Villanova...scored 12 points and swiped five steals against Florida International...had 16 points, including four treys in 54 minutes at Central Connecticut State...tallied 11 points and three rebounds at James Madison...registered three points and two boards against Drexel...scored nine points on 4-for-8 shooting against Mount St. Mary's...scored seven points against American, including a pair of three-pointers...scored 13 points at UMBC, including two treys.

2004-05: One of two Explorers to start all 29 games...averaged 11.3 points per game...scored a season-high 21 points against George Washington on Jan. 19...broke double figures in scoring five times...hit for 20 points against Duquesne on Jan. 29...shot 6-for-10 from the field at Cincinnati on Dec. 22...named Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week on Jan. 30...sank five treys on four occasions...swiped a season-high seven rebounds at Richmond on Feb. 9.

High School: Named the Best Athletic Rising Star by Baltimore's *City Paper*...averaged 19.5 points, four rebounds and four assists under Head Coach William Wells...earned All-Baltimore Catholic League and Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association first team honors...featured in *Baltimore Sun* as the focal point for a story regarding the physical mechanics of leaping due to his uncanny ability to defy gravity with his 38-inch vertical...named first-team All-Metro by the *Baltimore Sun*.

Harris' Career Highs

Points	21 vs. George Washington (1/19/05)
Minutes	54 at Central Connecticut State (12/18/05)
FGM	8 vs. George Washington (1/19/05)
FGA	17 at Temple (3/5/05)
3PM	5 at Temple (3/5/05)
	5 at Temple (1/14/06)
	5 vs. Temple (2/4/06)
3PA	14 vs. Duquesne (1/29/05)
FTM	6 at American (12/28/04)
FTA	8 at American (12/28/04)
Rebounds	9 at Massachusetts (2/8/06)
Assists	5 at Temple (1/14/06)
Blocks	2 at Cincinnati (12/22/04)
Steals	5 vs. Florida International (12/20/05)

Harris' Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OR	DR	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	B	S	PTS	AVG
2004-05	29/29	1043	110-308	.357	65-210	.310	42-52	.808	7	83	90	3.1	39	0	28	36	8	24	327	11.3
2005-06	27/14	856	115-276	.417	70-180	.389	37-46	.804	5	63	68	2.5	48	1	40	35	8	29	337	12.5
TOTALS	56/43	1899	225-584	.385	135-390	.346	79-98	.806	12	146	158	2.8	87	1	68	66	16	54	664	11.9

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#11 HARRIS, Darnell

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	[---TOTAL---		[---3-PTS---		[----REBOUNDS----										A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO								
UMBC Retrievers	11-20-05	*	37	3-6	.500	2-5	.400	5-6	.833	1	4	5	5.0	4	0	1	2	0	1	13	13.0		
FRANCIS	11-26-05		33	2-7	.286	1-5	.200	2-3	.667	0	2	2	3.5	1	0	1	1	1	3	7	10.0		
NT SAINT MARY'S	11-30-05		26	4-8	.500	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0	2	2	3.0	0	0	1	3	0	0	9	9.7		
Drexel	12/3/05		29	1-6	.167	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.8	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	8.0		
James Madison	12/11/05		36	4-7	.571	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	2.8	1	0	0	2	0	0	11	8.6		
Central Connecticut	12/18/05		54	4-14	.286	4-12	.333	4-5	.800	0	3	3	2.8	2	0	3	1	0	0	16	9.8		
	12-20-05		36	3-16	.188	1-11	.091	5-7	.714	0	0	0	2.4	1	0	1	0	1	5	12	10.1		
Villanova	12/22/05	*	30	5-12	.417	3-6	.500	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	2.4	1	0	1	2	1	1	15	10.8		
FRANCIS	12-28-05		21	4-4	1.000	2-2	1.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	2.2	0	0	0	1	0	4	12	10.9		
YONKERS	12-30-05		35	6-9	.667	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	0	3	3	2.3	1	0	1	1	0	1	16	11.4		
DUQUESNE	01-04-06	*	29	5-13	.385	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.2	1	0	2	0	0	3	14	11.6		
RICHMOND	01/07/06		28	5-9	.556	4-7	.571	1-1	1.000	0	1	1	2.1	1	0	1	0	0	0	15	11.9		
RIOTTE	01/11/06		23	2-7	.286	1-5	.200	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	1.9	1	0	0	1	0	0	7	11.5		
Temple	1/14/06		36	6-14	.429	5-11	.455	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.9	2	0	5	0	0	0	17	11.9		
DE ISLAND	01-18-06		28	5-12	.417	4-10	.400	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.9	1	0	0	0	0	2	14	12.1		
Saint Joseph's	1/21/06		25	3-8	.375	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.9	3	0	2	2	1	1	7	11.8		
Penn	01/25/06	*	21	5-8	.625	3-5	.600	1-2	.500	0	1	1	1.8	4	0	2	3	0	1	14	11.9		
RS	01/29/06	*	32	5-12	.417	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	0	3	3	1.9	2	0	2	1	0	1	14	12.0		
Duquesne	02/01/06	*	22	4-9	.444	2-7	.286	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	1.9	2	0	3	1	0	1	12	12.0		
WLE	02/04/06	*	38	6-14	.429	5-12	.417	2-2	1.000	0	4	4	2.1	1	0	2	1	0	0	19	12.4		
Massachusetts	2/8/06	*	32	4-13	.308	3-7	.429	3-4	.750	2	7	9	2.4	2	0	1	1	1	2	14	12.4		
Xavier	02-11-06	*	34	7-14	.500	3-7	.429	1-2	.500	0	6	6	2.5	3	0	3	2	0	0	18	12.7		
BONAVENTURE	02/15/06	*	35	5-15	.333	2-9	.222	0-0	.000	0	5	5	2.7	1	0	1	2	0	1	12	12.7		
TON	02/18/06	*	37	6-11	.545	4-9	.444	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.6	4	0	2	0	1	1	16	12.8		
#6/6 George Washing	2-22-06	*	25	7-14	.500	3-7	.429	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	2.6	2	0	1	2	1	1	19	13.0		
Fordham Rams	03/01/06	*	36	4-9	.444	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.5	5	1	2	1	0	0	10	12.9		
NT LOUIS	03/04/06	*	38	0-5	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	4	4	2.5	1	0	1	5	1	0	1	12.5		
ala.....			14	856	115-276	.417	70-180	.389	37-46	.804	5	63	68	2.5	48	1	40	35	8	29	337	12.3	

als..... 14 856 115-276 .417 70-180 .389 37-46 .804 5 63 68 2.5 48 1 40 35 8 29 337 12.5

as played: 27

Rebounds/game: 2.5

nts/game: 12.5

Assists/game: 1.5

Pct: 41.7

Turnovers/game: 1.3

Pct: 38.9

Assist/turnover ratio: 1.1

Pct: 80.4

Steals/game: 1.1

Blocks/game: 0.3



#1 Paul Johnson

Freshman • Forward

6-6 • 195

Washington, DC • Gonzaga



2005-06: A freshman forward who has appeared in every game for La Salle, starting all but four...had four boards against Saint Louis...scored eight points and handed out three assists at George Washington...pulled down four boards against Dayton...registered six points and five rebounds against St. Bonaventure...scored six points and grabbed four boards at Xavier...netted eight points at Massachusetts...scored nine points at Duquesne...grabbed four rebounds at Penn...scored six points and had three steals at Saint Joseph's...scored five points at Temple...had two points and three rebounds against Charlotte...scored 10 points and grabbed six rebounds against Duquesne...named Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week (Jan. 1)...netted 11 points against Hofstra...scored 11 points against St. Francis on 5-for-5 shooting...registered eight points and three rebounds at Villanova...scored one point and swept a pair of rebounds against Florida International...scored 13 points and pulled six rebounds at Central Connecticut State...had nine points, five steals and a rebound at James Madison...recorded six points and four rebounds against Drexel...had six points and six rebounds against Mount St. Mary's...scored 10 points and grabbed seven boards against American...scored seven points at UMBL, including a fast-break dunk.

High School: Played his high school ball at Gonzaga in Washington, DC...averaged 17 points and eight rebounds per game during his senior year and was named the 2005 Gatorade Player of the Year (Washington, DC) for his efforts...named to the WCAC First Team...garnered Third Team All-Metro honors from the Washington Post...named the MVP of both the DC Classic and the Glaxo-SmithKline Holiday Invitational in 2004.

Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OR	DR	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	B	S	PTS	AVG
2005-06	27/23	529	55-122	.451	7-26	.269	33-56	.589	42	44	86	3.2	44	0	21	32	4	22	150	5.6

Points	13 at Central Connecticut State (12/18/05)
	34 at Central Connecticut State (12/18/05)
	5 vs. St. Francis (PA) (12/28/05)
	5 vs. Hofstra (12/30/05)
	10 vs. Hofstra (12/30/05)
	3 at Central Connecticut State (12/18/05)
	6 at Central Connecticut State (12/18/05)
	6 vs. Duquesne (1/4/06)
	8 at James Madison (12/11/05)
	8 at Central Connecticut State (12/18/05)
Minutes	8 vs. Duquesne (1/4/06)
	7 vs. American (11/26/05)
	3 vs. Dayton (2/18/06)
	3 at George Washington (2/22/06)
	1, four times
	5 at James Madison (12/11/05)
FGM	
3PM	
3PA	
FTM	
FTA	
Rebounds	
Assists	
Blocks	
Steals	



#2 Marshall Taylor

Freshman • Forward

6-4 • 205

Philadelphia, PA • West Catholic (Siena)



2005-06: A freshman transfer who has appeared in 13 games...suffered a ruptured appendix on Feb. 14, return to lineup this season is questionable...scored two points and had two assists at Xavier...returned to action at Massachusetts after missing four games due to a sprained elbow, grabbing six rebounds and adding two points...netted 11 points against Rhode Island...scored five points against Charlotte...named Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week on Jan. 8...had 11 points, five rebounds and three steals at Richmond...scored 10 points and pulled three rebounds against Duquesne...had two points, two assists and one rebound against Hofstra...tallied nine points against St. Francis...scored five points and added a rebound at Villanova...grabbed a rebound against Florida International...debuted with 10 points, four rebounds and a steal at Central Connecticut State.

High School: Came to La Salle after transferring from Sienna in the spring of 2005...a good shooter and ball handler, who is capable of playing three different positions...attended West Catholic where he played for head coach Bob Ludlow...was both a First Team All-Catholic League and Second Team All-City selection after averaging over 20 points per game during his senior season with the Burrs.

Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OR	DR	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	B	S	PTS	AVG
2005-06	13/0	234	27-67	.403	10-40	.250	6-9	.667	17	10	27	2.3	25	2	11	15	1	3	70	5.4

Taylor's Career Highs

Points	11 at Richmond (1/7/06)
	11 vs. Rhode Island (1/18/06)
	28 at Richmond (1/7/06)
	4 at Central Connecticut State (12/18/05)
	4 vs. Duquesne (1/4/06)
	4 at Richmond (1/7/06)
	4 vs. Rhode Island (1/18/06)
	8 at Central Connecticut State (12/18/05)
	8 at Richmond (1/7/06)
	8 vs. Rhode Island (1/18/06)
Minutes	3 vs. Rhode Island (1/18/06)
	6 vs. Rhode Island (1/18/06)
	3 vs. St. Francis (PA) (12/28/05)
	4 vs. St. Francis (PA) (12/28/05)
	6 at Massachusetts (2/8/06)
	2, four times
	1 at Richmond (1/7/06)
	3 at Richmond (1/7/06)
FGM	
3PM	
3PA	
FTM	
FTA	
Rebounds	
Assists	
Blocks	
Steals	

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#01 JOHNSON, Paul

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	---TOTAL---				---REBOUNDS---														
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg	
at USC Retrievers	11-20-05	22	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3	2	5	5.0	3	0	0	0	0	2	7	7.0		
AMERICAN	11-26-05	*	28	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	5	2	7	6.0	1	0	0	1	0	2	10	8.5	
MOUNT SAINT MARY'S	11-30-05	*	21	3-7	.429	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	4	6	6.0	2	0	0	1	0	0	6	7.7	
vs Drexel	12/3/05	*	25	3-9	.333	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	3	1	4	5.5	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	6	7.3
at James Madison	12/13/05	*	21	3-4	.750	0-1	.000	3-8	.375	0	1	1	4.6	4	0	0	1	0	5	9	7.6	
at Central Connecticut	12/18/05	*	34	3-6	.500	3-6	.500	4-8	.500	2	4	6	4.8	1	0	1	3	0	0	13	8.5	
FIU	12-20-05	*	17	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	1	1	2	4.4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	7.4	
at Villanova	12/22/05	*	21	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	1	2	3	4.3	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	7.5	
ST. FRANCIS	12-28-05	*	15	5-5	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	4.1	1	0	0	0	0	1	11	7.9	
HOFFSTRA	12-30-05	*	28	5-10	.500	0-1	.000	1-1	1.000	2	2	4	4.1	0	0	1	1	0	2	11	8.2	
DOQUETTE	01-04-06	*	17	2-8	.250	0-1	.000	6-8	.750	3	3	6	4.3	1	0	0	0	2	10	8.4		
at RICHMOND	01/07/06	*	14	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	4.0	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	7.7	
CHARLOTTE	01/11/06	*	12	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	3.9	4	0	0	1	0	1	7	7.2	
at Temple	1/14/06	*	18	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	3-6	.500	1	1	2	3.8	2	0	1	4	0	5	7.1		
RHODE ISLAND	01-18-06	*	10	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	3.7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6.6	
at Saint Joseph's	1/21/06	*	18	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	1-1	1.000	0	1	1	3.5	3	0	1	1	3	6	6.6		
at Penn	01/25/06	*	16	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	3.5	3	0	0	1	1	0	2	6.3	
UMASS	01/29/06		15	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	0	1	3.4	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	6.1	
at Duquesne	02/01/06		23	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2	1	3	3.4	3	0	2	1	0	1	9	6.3	
TEMPLE	02/04/06	*	22	1-4	.250	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	3.3	0	0	2	4	0	0	2	6.1	
at Massachusetts	2/8/06	*	21	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3	3	3	3.3	1	0	1	1	0	8	6.1		
at Xavier	02-11-06	*	24	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	4-5	.800	3	1	4	3.3	3	0	0	3	1	6	6.1		
ST. BONAVENTURE	02/15/06	*	20	3-8	.375	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	3	5	3.4	1	0	2	0	0	0	6	6.1	
DAYTON	02/18/06	19	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2	2	4	3.4	1	0	3	3	0	0	1	5.9		
at #6/6 George Washing	2-22-06	*	28	3-6	.500	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0	0	0	3.2	2	0	3	0	0	1	8	6.0	
at Fordham Rams	03/01/06	*	15	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	3.2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	5.8	
SAINT LOUIS	03/04/06		5	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	2	4	3.2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.6	
Totals.....		23	529	55-123	.447	7-26	.269	33-55	.600	42	44	86	3.2	44	0	21	32	4	22	150	5.6	

Games played: 27
Points/game: 5.6
FG Pct: 44.7
3FG Pct: 26.9
FT Pct: 60.0
Rebounds/game: 3.2
Assists/game: 0.8
Turnovers/game: 1.2
Assist/turnover ratio: 0.7
Steals/game: 0.8
Blocks/game: 0.1

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#02 TAYLOR, Marshall

Opponent	Date	GB	Min	[---TOTAL---		[---3PTS---		[---REBOUNDS---													
				FG-PA	Pct	3FG-PA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	PO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
at Central Connecticut	12/18/05		24	4-8	.500	1-3	.333	1-1	1.000	3	1	4	4.0	5	1	0	2	0	1	10	10.0
FTU	12-20-05		17	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	2.5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.0
at Villanova	12/22/05		17	2-7	.286	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	5.0
ST. FRANCIS	12-28-05		19	3-7	.429	0-2	.000	3-4	.750	1	0	1	1.8	1	0	1	3	0	2	9	6.0
HOFFSTRA	12-30-05		17	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.6	1	0	2	3	0	1	2	5.2
DOQUETTE	01-04-06		19	4-7	.571	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	2	1	3	1.8	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	4.0
at RICHMOND	01/07/06		28	4-8	.500	2-6	.333	1-1	1.000	2	3	5	2.3	2	0	2	2	1	1	11	4.7
CHARLOTTE	01/11/06		15	2-5	.400	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	0	1	2.1	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	6.5
at Temple	1/14/06		20	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.1	2	0	1	3	0	1	1	11
RHODE ISLAND	01-18-06		18	4-8	.500	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	1	0	1	2.0	3	1	2	1	0	1	11	6.6
at Saint Joseph's	1/21/06		3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.0
at Massachusetts	2/8/06		17	1-5	.200	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	4	2	6	2.3	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	5.7
at Xavier	02-11-06		20	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.1	2	0	2	1	0	1	2	5.4
Totals.....		0	234	27-67	.403	10-31	.323	6-9	.667	17	10	27	2.1	25	2	11	16	1	10	70	5.4

Games played: 13
Points/game: 5.4
FG Pct: 40.3
3FG Pct: 32.3
FT Pct: 66.7
Rebounds/game: 2.1
Assists/game: 0.8
Turnovers/game: 1.2
Assist/turnover ratio: 0.7
Steals/game: 0.8
Blocks/game: 0.1



#4 Andrew Lewis

Sophomore • Guard

6-3 • 185

Frenchtown, NJ • Delaware Valley Regional



2005-06: A sophomore walk-on who has appeared in three games for La Salle...registered an assist against St. Francis.

2004-05: Played in three games for the Explorers...scored two points at Mount St. Mary's.

Career Highs

Points	2 at Mount St. Mary's (12/31/04)
Minutes	3 vs. St. Francis (PA) (12/28/05)
FGM	1 at Mount St. Mary's (12/31/04)
FGA	1 at Mount St. Mary's (12/31/04)
	1 vs. St. Francis (PA) (12/28/05)
3PM	n/a
3PA	n/a
FTM	n/a
FTA	n/a
Rebounds	n/a
Assists	1 vs. St. Francis (PA) (12/28/05)
Blocks	n/a
Steals	n/a



#41 Brad Cohen

Freshman • Guard

6-1 • 200

Voorhees, NJ • Eastern Regional



2005-06: A freshman walk-on who has appeared in three games for La Salle...grabbed a rebound against St. Francis.

Career Highs

Points	n/a
Minutes	2 vs. Mount St. Mary's (11/30/05)
	2 vs. St. Francis (PA) (12/28/05)
	2 vs. Duquesne (1/4/06)
FGM	n/a
FGA	n/a
3PM	n/a
3PA	n/a
FTM	n/a
FTA	n/a
Rebounds	2 vs. St. Francis (PA) (12/28/05)
Assists	n/a
Blocks	n/a
Steals	n/a



#34 Andrew Crawford

Freshman • Forward

6-3 • 195

Philadelphia, PA • Bishop McDevitt



2005-06: A freshman walk-on who has appeared in two games for the Explorers.

Career Highs

Points	n/a
Minutes	2 vs. St. Francis (PA) (12/28/05)
	2 vs. Duquesne (1/4/06)
FGM	n/a
FGA	n/a
3PM	n/a
3PA	n/a
FTM	n/a
FTA	n/a
Rebounds	n/a
Assists	n/a
Blocks	n/a
Steals	n/a

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#04 LEWIS, Andrew

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		---REBOUNDS---										Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl
MOUNT SAINT MARY'S	11-30-05	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
T. FRANCIS	12-28-05	3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0.0
T. BONAVENTURE	02/15/06	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals.....		0	5	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0.0

Games played: 3
3 Pct: 0.0

Assists/game: 0.3
Assist/turnover ratio: 99.9

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#41 COHEN, Brad

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		---REBOUNDS---										Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl
MOUNT SAINT MARY'S	11-30-05	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
T. FRANCIS	12-28-05	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
LUESNE	01-04-06	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0.3	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals.....		0	6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	2	0	0	0	0	0.0

Games played: 3

Rebounds/game: 0.3

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#34 CRAWFORD, Andrew

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		---REBOUNDS---										Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl
T. FRANCIS	12-28-05	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
LUESNE	01-04-06	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals.....		0	4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

Games played: 2

EXPLORER TRENDS

Scoring less than 60 points	0-4
Scoring 60-69 points	6-3
Scoring 70-79 points	9-2
Scoring 80-89 points	2-0
Scoring 90 or more points	1-0
Allowing less than 60 points	9-0
Allowing 60-69 points	6-3
Allowing 70-79 points	2-4
Allowing 80-89 points	1-0
Allowing 90 or more points	1-1
Field goal percentage 50% or better	13-6
Field goal percentage worse than 50%	15-6
Field goal percentage better than opponent	17-6
Field goal percentage worse than opponent	1-3
Field goal percentage equal to opponent	0-0
Making more three-pointers than opponent	10-6
Making fewer three-pointers than opponent	6-3
Making same amount of threes as opponent	2-0
Shooting more free throws than opponent	10-3
Shooting fewer free throws than opponent	7-6
Shooting same amount of free throws	1-0
Winning opening tip	8-6
Losing opening tip	10-3
Scoring first	9-6
Scoring last	9-3
Leading at halftime	14-4
Trailing at halftime	4-5
Tied at halftime	0-0
Leading with 5:00 remaining	16-1
Trailing with 5:00 remaining	2-8
Playing overtime	2-0
Playing quadruple-overtime	1-0
Outrebounding opponent	12-2
Being outrebounded	5-7
Equal amount of rebounds as opponent	1-0
Committing fewer turnovers than opponent	9-1
Committing more turnovers than opponent	8-8
Committing same amount of turnovers as opp.	1-0
Playing the Atlantic 10	10-6
Playing the America East	1-0
Playing the Patriot League	1-0
Playing the Northeast Conference	3-0
Playing the Colonial Athletic Association	2-1
Playing the Sun Belt	1-0
Playing the BIG EAST	0-1
Playing the Ivy League	0-1
Monday games	0-0
Tuesday games	1-0
Wednesday games	6-5
Thursday games	0-1
Friday games	0-1
Saturday games	7-2
Sunday games	4-0
Day games	8-3
Night games	9-6
November games	3-0
December games	5-2
January games	3-5
February games	6-1
March games	1-1
Home	10-3
Away	7-6
Neutral	1-0

CLIMBING THE CHARTS

A quartet of Explorers are making their way up the La Salle all-time leader lists. Steven Smith is currently seventh in all-time scoring and fifth in all-time rebounding at La Salle. He has recently entered the top 15 in blocks (7th), free throws made (5th), free throws attempted (7th), three-pointers attempted (12th) and field goals made (6th). Teammate Jermaine Thomas is in the top 15 in three different statistical categories. Thomas is seventh in all-time three-pointers attempted and sixth in three-pointers made. He is also 11th in steals. Sophomore Darnell Harris is currently 10th all-time in three-pointers attempted, while Lewis Fadipe has moved into sixth place in blocked shots.

Career Points

1. Lionel Simmons	3,217
2. Michael Brooks	2,628
3. Tom Gola	2,461
4. Rasual Butler	2,125
5. Donnie Carr	2,067
6. Steve Black	2,012
7. Steven Smith	1,930
8. Kareem Townes	1,925
9. Randy Woods	1,811

Career Steals

1. Doug Overton	277
2. Lionel Simmons	239
3. Randy Woods	220
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9. Shawn Smith	165
10. Mike Gizzi	159
11. Jermaine Thomas	155
12. Julian Banks	152
13. Rich Tarr	134

Career Three-Pointers Made

1. Donnie Carr	308
2. Kareem Townes	300
3. Jack Hurd	291
4. Randy Woods	278
5. Rasual Butler	225
6. Jermaine Thomas	200
7. Victor Thomas	196
8. Paul Burke	195
9. Mike Gizzi	186

Career Three-Pointers Attempted

1. Donnie Carr	910
2. Kareem Townes	876
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6. Paul Burke	648
7. Jermaine Thomas	554
8. Victor Thomas	528
9. Mike Gizzi	517
10. Darnell Harris	383
11. Doug Overton	376

Career Field Goals Made

1. Lionel Simmons	1,244
2. Michael Brooks	1,064
3. Tom Gola	904
4. Steve Black	834
5. Rasual Butler	752
6. Steven Smith	703
7. Bill Taylor	693
8. Doug Overton	684
9. Donnie Carr	683

Career Rebounds

1. Tom Gola	2,201
2. Lionel Simmons	1,429
3. Michael Brooks	1,372
4. Ralph Lewis	966
5. Steven Smith	868
6. Ken Durrett	850
7. Norm Grekin	832
8. George Sutor	826
9. Walter Sampson	791

Career Free Throws Made

1. Lionel Simmons	673
2. Tom Gola	653
3. Michael Brooks	500
4. Ralph Lewis	453
5. Steven Smith	410
6. Chip Greenberg	395
7. Donnie Carr	393
8. Victor Thomas	385
9. Ken Durrett	377

Career Free Throws Attempted

1. Lionel Simmons	932
2. Tom Gola	877
3. Ralph Lewis	838
4. Michael Brooks	714
5. Jim Crawford	654
6. Victor Thomas	557
7. Steven Smith	518
8. Albert Butts	512
9. Donnie Carr	510

OUT WITH A BANG

In his last game in front of a home crowd at Tom Gola Arena, Steven Smith registered a double-double with 26 points and a career-high 16 rebounds. His two senior counterparts also turned in solid performances in their last home game. Jermaine Thomas scored 10 points and Lewis Fadipe had four points and seven rebounds.

DIAZ DAZZLES AGAIN

In just his third start of the season, Sherman Diaz tied career highs in three categories. The sophomore scored 11 points, grabbed six rebounds and sank four free throws, all matching previous career-bests.

30 OVER 30

Forward Steven Smith hit for 33 points in the Explorers' loss to Fordham, marking the third time this season the senior has scored over 30 points. Smith netted 41 at Central Connecticut State and 31 against American. He has broken the 30-point barrier one other time in his career, when he scored 35 at Cincinnati on Dec. 24, 2004.

JIM PHELAN AWARD FINALIST

Head Coach John Giannini has been selected as one of 15 finalists for the Jim Phelan Award for national coach of the year. The award was presented by CollegeInsider.com. The winner will be announced at the Final Four.

LEADER OF THE PACK

As of March 3, senior Steven Smith is tops among current Atlantic 10 players in career scoring. The All-America candidate comes has scored 1,930 points during his time at 20th and Olney. Temple's Mardy Collins is second with 1,852. La Salle senior Jermaine Thomas is seventh on the list with 1,252 points.

SEVEN STOPPED AGAIN

La Salle has seen a pair of seven-game win streaks stopped by two of the nation's top teams this season. The Explorers opened up their schedule with seven consecutive wins before falling to nationally-ranked Villanova. La Salle suffered a loss to nationally-ranked George Washington to stop its most recent seven-gamer. The last time the Explorers won eight games in a row came during the 30-2 season of 1989-90, when La Salle was undefeated between Jan. 9 and March 15.

ROAD SWEET ROAD

La Salle has only lost twice outside of Philadelphia. In addition to the losses to George Washington and Fordham, the Explorers' 7-6 road record includes losses to city rivals Villanova, Temple, Saint Joseph's and Penn.

THIRD A-10 HONOR FOR SMITH

After averaging 23.5 points, seven rebounds and 4.5 assists in wins over Xavier and Dayton, Steven Smith picked up his third Atlantic 10 Player of the Week award of the season. The senior scored 25 points and grabbed eight boards against Dayton and netted 22 points, while adding six rebounds and six assists against St. Bonaventure.

NABC NAMES SMITH ALL-DISTRICT

Senior Steven Smith was named First Team All-District 3 by the National Association of Basketball Coaches on Feb. 18. The NABC names players to first and second teams in 15 districts, with five players to a team. The 150 players selected are now eligible for the NABC Division I All-American Team, which will be announced at the conclusion of the season.

THOMAS DISHES THEM OUT

During the Explorers' last seven-game winning streak, Jermaine Thomas failed to reach five assists just once, and averaged 5.4 assists per game. Thomas has dealt at least five assists in a game 10 times this season, and is averaging 3.9 assists per game.

TAYLOR UPDATE

After undergoing surgery for a ruptured appendix, freshman Marshall Taylor was released from the care of the Einstein Medical Center on Feb. 24. Taylor's return to the lineup this season is questionable.

CUNNINGHAM RETURNS

After missing three games due to an ankle injury, guard Tabby Cunningham came off the bench for limited action in La Salle's win over Dayton. The sophomore played just two minutes, was whistled for a foul and committed a turnover.

LA SALLE IN THE NATION

Division I National Rankings (through games of Feb. 27)

Individual	
Scoring.....	Steven Smith (40th) 19.3 ppg
Team	
Field Goal Percentage Defense	(26th) 40.2 %

LA SALLE IN THE A-10

Atlantic 10 Rankings (through games of March 3)

Scoring.....	Steven Smith (1st) 19.8 ppg
Rebounding	Steven Smith (3rd) 7.7 rpg
.....	Mike St. John (15th) 6.4 rpg
Offensive Rebounds	Steven Smith (16th) 2.08 rpg
.....	Mike St. John (20th) 1.88 rpg
Defensive Rebounds	Steven Smith (2nd) 5.62 rpg
.....	Mike St. John (8th) 4.54 rpg
FG%	Steven Smith (5th) .491
Assists	Jermaine Thomas (10th) 3.88 apg
.....	Tabby Cunningham (18th) 2.91 apg
FT%	Jermaine Thomas (3rd) .826
.....	Steven Smith (11th) .767
Steals	Jermaine Thomas (14th) 1.23 spg
.....	Tabby Cunningham (15th) 1.22 spg
.....	Steven Smith (17th) 1.19 spg
3FG%	Darnell Harris (9th) .391
.....	Jermaine Thomas (15th) .374
3FG Made	Darnell Harris (3rd) 2.69 3pg
.....	Jermaine Thomas (14th) 1.77 3pg
Blocks	Lewis Fadipe (10th) 1.19 bpg
.....	Steven Smith (19th) 0.81 bpg
A/TO Ratio	Jermaine Thomas (8th) 1.66

QUITE A LINE

In the Explorers' win over St. Bonaventure, guard Jermaine Thomas put together an impressive line in the stat sheet. The senior scored 17 points, handed out eight assists and grabbed five rebounds.

DIAZ-ZLING

Sophomore Sherman Diaz had a career game against St. Bonaventure. Diaz tied career-highs with 11 points and three assists and made a career-best three three-pointers. He shot 3-for-4 from beyond the arc after entering the game shooting 1-for-14 from three-point land this season and 4-for-24 for his career.

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME

With the win at Xavier, La Salle ensured its first winning season since 1992-93's 14-13 campaign. After enduring 12 consecutive losing seasons, the Explorers ended the regular season at 18-9. The last time La Salle won 18 times in a season came during the 20-win season of 1991-92.

FOUR FOR THE ROAD

After picking up their first-ever win at the Cintas Center with a 79-70 victory over Xavier, the Explorers have won four Atlantic 10 road games for the first time since joining the conference. Last season, La Salle came out on top of three A-10 road games.

MORE STREAK-SNAPPING

La Salle's 65-44 victory at UMass put an end to the Minutemen's 12-game home winning streak. Before the Explorers came to town, UMass had been 8-0 at the Mullins Center this season.

THE LAST TIME LA SALLE...

Scored 100 points12/18/05 at Central Conn. St. (107)
 Scored 90 points12/18/05 at Central Conn. St. (107)
 Scored 50 or fewer points2/12/05 vs. Dayton (45)
 Gave up 100 points12/18/05 at Central Conn. St. (106)
 Gave up less than 50 points ...2/8/06 at Massachusetts (44)
 Won by 20 points2/8/06 at Massachusetts (65-44)
 Won by 30 points12/28/05 vs. St. Francis (PA) (85-55)
 Won eight straight games ...1989-90 (1/9/90 - 3/15/90) (22 wins)
 Won seven straight games2005-06 (1/29/06 - 2/18/06)
 Won six straight games2005-06 (1/29/06 - 2/18/06)
 Won five straight games2005-06 (1/29/06 - 2/18/06)
 Won four straight games2005-06 (1/29/06 - 2/18/06)
 Played an overtime game ...12/20/05 vs. Florida International
 Played a quadruple-OT game ...12/18/05 at Central Conn. St.

THE LAST TIME AN EXPLORER...

Scored 40 points12/18/05, Steven Smith at CCSU (41)
 Scored 30 points3/1/06, Steven Smith at Fordham (33)
 Scored 25 points ...3/4/06, Steven Smith vs. Saint Louis (26)
 Grabbed 15 reb. ...3/4/06, Steven Smith vs. Saint Louis (16)
 Had 10 assists2/13/02, Julian Banks vs. Temple (10)
 Had five steals 12/28/05, Mike St. John vs. St. Francis (PA) (5)
 Had five blocks ...11/30/05, Lewis Fadipe vs. Mt. St. Mary's (5)
 Made five threes ...3/1/06, Jermaine Thomas at Fordham (5)
 Had a double-double ...3/4/06, Steven Smith vs. Saint Louis
 Shot 100 % FG (5 att.)12/28/05, Paul Johnson vs. St. Francis (PA) (5-5)
 Shot 100% FT (5 att.) ...2/11/06, Steven Smith at Xavier (6-6)

GAME SUMMARIES

LA SALLE 62, SAINT LOUIS 52

PHILADELPHIA, PA - Led by an outstanding performance from Steven Smith, the La Salle men's basketball team (18-9, 10-6 Atlantic 10) locked up a first-round bye in the A-10 tournament, defeating Saint Louis (16-12, 10-6), 62-52, to clinch the third seed. Smith scored 26 points and snared a career-high 16 rebounds in front of a Senior Day crowd at Tom Gola Arena.

The Explorers, who led for almost the entire game, jumped out to a quick 7-2 lead, but the Billikens fought back to take their only lead of the game at 8-7. Then La Salle switched to a zone defense in an attempt to confuse Saint Louis. The change worked, as the Billikens turned the ball over on their next possession and the turnover resulted in a Sherman Diaz three-pointer. On Saint Louis' next trip down the court, Smith blocked a hurried shot by Ian Vouyoukas, setting up a three-pointer by senior Jermaine Thomas.

La Salle kept the Billikens at bay for the rest of the half, but Saint Louis closed the gap to three points, heading to the locker room with the score 25-22. The Explorers kept plugging away, refusing to let Saint Louis get within reach.

Smith hit a back-breaking three-pointer with the shot clock about to expire to put his team up eight points and take the wind out of Saint Louis' sails. La Salle would lead by no fewer than six points the rest of the way.

Diaz tied a career-high with 11 points and Thomas finished with 10. Vouyoukas led Saint Louis with 13 points. Tommie Liddell registered a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Smith's 26 points moved him past Kareem Townes and into seventh place all-time in scoring at La Salle. The senior now has 1,930 points.

The game also marked the final appearances at La Salle for seniors Smith, Thomas and Lewis Fadipe. Fadipe grabbed seven rebounds and added four points.

With the win, the Explorers will not have to play in the A-10 tournament until Thursday, March 9 at 8:30 p.m., when they will face the winner of the game between the sixth and 11th seeds.

FORDHAM 83, LA SALLE 74

BRONX, NY - Despite fighting back from an 11-point halftime deficit, the La Salle men's basketball team (17-9, 9-8 Atlantic 10) suffered an 83-74 loss to Fordham (13-15, 8-7) at Rose Hill Gym. Senior Steven Smith scored a game-high 33 points, 21 coming in the first half.

The Rams shot the lights out in the first 20 minutes,

converting 9-of-13 three-point attempts on their way to building a 16-point lead. La Salle was hot from three-point land as well, shooting 5-for-7, but headed to the locker room down 47-36.

The Explorers fought back early in the second stanza, led by the play of Tabby Cunningham, who was listed as questionable for the game after suffering a knee injury in practice. The sophomore came up with two quick steals to spark a 13-3 run to cut Fordham's lead to one point. The first pick resulted in a layup for the 5-foot-8 guard, who found an open Jermaine Thomas for a three-pointer after his second swipe of the half.

Later, Thomas hit another three on a two-on-one break with Smith, and then drilled another trey to cut the Rams lead to one. That would be as close as the Explorers would get. Fordham rattled off a 17-5 run to take another double-digit lead. La Salle fought back several times, eventually shaving the Rams' lead to five points with under a minute to play, but with the Explorers forced to foul, Fordham held on for the win.

Thomas drained a season-high five three-pointers on his way to 17 points; Cunningham netted seven points. Junior Mike St. John pulled down 11 rebounds, adding seven points. The Explorers shot 49 percent from the field and 42 percent from beyond the arc.

The Rams, who shot 54 percent from the floor and 59 percent from three-point land, were led by Corey McCrae's career-high 25 points. The senior shot a perfect 6-for-6 on the night, all coming from three-point range. Bryant Dunston registered 20 points and eight rebounds, while Jermaine Anderson added 14 points.

The Explorers return home for their final game of the regular season with a bye in the A-10 tournament on the line, when they host Saint Louis on Saturday, March 4 on Senior Day. Tip-off is slated for 2:05 p.m.

GEORGE WASHINGTON 77, LA SALLE 65

WASHINGTON, DC - After flirting with an upset for most of the game, the La Salle men's basketball team (17-8, 9-5 Atlantic 10) saw its seven-game win streak come to an end, falling to No. 6 George Washington (23-1, 13-0) at the Charles E. Smith Center by a score of 77-65. Sophomore Darnell Harris scored a game-high 19 points in the loss.

The Explorers held a 35-31 lead at halftime and held on to that lead for the first four minutes of the second half before the Colonials made a charge to take control of the game. After a Steven Smith jumper put La Salle up by seven points just into the second stanza, George Washington scored the next 10 points to go up by three with over 14 minutes to play. But the Explorers refused to

let the game get out of reach.

Junior Mike St. John hit a three-pointer to put La Salle back on top with under 13 minutes left, but George Washington roared back with a 20-8 run that was punctuated with three-pointer by Philadelphia native Maurice Rice. After that, the closest the Explorers would get would be eight points.

The Colonials went the entire second half without their top player, Pops Mensah-Bonsu, who suffered a knee injury late in the first half. Several George Washington players stepped up in his absence, including Regis Koundjia (13 points) and Omar Williams, who scored all of his seven points in the second half.

After La Salle held a 18-14 rebounding edge at halftime, the Colonials buckled down on the glass, pulling in 16 second-half rebounds, compared to the Explorers' nine.

Harris scored 10 of his 19 points in the first half, helping La Salle hold off George Washington's offensive surge. The sophomore hit three three-pointers in the game, all from long range. Smith finished with 12 points and senior Jermaine Thomas added 10, including a pair of treys.

Williams snared a game-high seven rebounds, while Smith and fellow senior Lewis Fadipe grabbed six boards each to lead La Salle. The Explorers shot 50 percent from the field, slightly better than the Colonials' 49 percent.

LA SALLE 74, DAYTON 71

PHILADELPHIA, PA - The La Salle men's basketball team (17-7, 9-4 Atlantic 10) won its seventh consecutive game, dropping Dayton (12-14, 4-8), 74-71, in a contest that saw the lead change hands 20 times. The Explorers were led by the play of senior Steven Smith, who scored a game-high 25 points, including a clutch turnaround three-pointer as the shot clock was expiring.

After the two teams battled back and forth for the first 32 minutes, the Explorers put together an 8-2 run to take an eight-point lead. During that stretch came Smith's back-breaking three. Coming out of a timeout with only 10 seconds on the shot clock, junior Mike St. John passed up an open three and kicked the ball out to sophomore Darnell Harris, who also passed on a trey with three ticks left on the clock. Instead, he fed the ball to Smith, who hoisted a turnaround jumper from behind the arc that somehow found the bottom of the net.

The Flyers would fight back, cutting the lead down to one point with under two minutes to play, but Smith sank a pair of free throws to give La Salle some breathing room. Dayton had a pair of chances to tie it at the close of the game. With two seconds left, the Flyers' Brian Roberts attempted a three, which did not fall. The rebound was

tipped right back to him and he tried again to tie the game, unsuccessfully. Roberts finished with 24 points.

La Salle got a solid performance from Harris, who sank four trifectas on his way to 16 points. Teammate Jermaine Thomas added 17 points.

With 17 victories, La Salle has already achieved its highest win total since its last winning season, 1992-93, when the Explorers won 20 games.

The Explorers have won seven straight for the second time this season after opening the year 7-0 before falling to then-No. 3 Villanova.

LA SALLE 74, ST. BONAVENTURE 62

PHILADELPHIA, PA - Despite allowing St. Bonaventure (7-16, 1-11 Atlantic 10) a narrow lead for a good portion of the first half, La Salle (16-7, 8-4) took control of a sloppy game and picked up a 74-62 victory on the strength of four Explorers scoring in double figures.

La Salle took a while to get rolling, as the Bonnies held a four-point lead with under 10 minutes to go in the first frame. The Explorers would retain control with a layup by senior Lewis Fadipe. La Salle slowly eeked out a double-digit lead as the clock wore down toward halftime. Sherman Diaz scored eight first-half points off the bench, including a pair of three-pointers. The sophomore finished with 11 points, tying a career-high.

Senior All-America candidate Steven Smith netted a game-high 22 points, adding six rebounds and six assists. Fellow senior Jermaine Thomas tallied 17 points, eight assists and five rebounds. Sophomore Darnell Harris chipped in 12 points.

The Explorers picked up the win without the services of Marshall Taylor and Tabby Cunningham. Taylor suffered a ruptured appendix the night before the game and remains under care of Einstein Medical Center, while Cunningham missed his third straight game after suffering an ankle injury.

La Salle needed its bench to step up in the absence of Cunningham and Taylor, and the Explorers reserves outscored their St. Bonaventure counterparts 15-10. Junior guard Sean Neal played a season-high 13 minutes, scoring two point and grabbing a pair of rebounds. Neal grabbed a board on the defensive glass and went coast-to-coast for a fast-break layup to account for his two points.

The Explorers shot 47 percent from the field, compared to the Bonnies' 39 percent, and outrebounded St. Bonaventure 42-40.

LA SALLE 79, XAVIER 70

CINCINNATI, OH – The La Salle men's basketball team (15-7, 7-4 Atlantic 10) guaranteed a winning season with a 79-70 win over conference rival Xavier (14-7, 5-5) at the Cintas Center. The Explorers fended off a late Musketeer comeback attempt to lock down their fifth win in a row and first winning season since the 1992-93 campaign.

La Salle saw three players reach double figures in scoring, led by a game-high 23 points from All-America candidate Steven Smith. The senior also pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds for his sixth double-double of the season.

The game was closely-contested for the entire first half, with a five-point La Salle advantage serving as the largest lead for either team. After the two teams traded baskets for most of the half, the Explorers took a 40-36 lead into the locker room at the break.

After a Dedrick Finn three-pointer at the very beginning of the second half cut the La Salle lead to one point, Xavier did not make a field goal for the next nine minutes. By that point, the Explorers had rattled off an 18-8 run and led by as many as 15 points after a Darnell Harris three-pointer. The sophomore finished with 18 points and five rebounds and connected on a trifecta of three-pointers. Teammate senior Jermaine Thomas also netted 18 points on three treys, adding eight rebounds and six assists.

The La Salle double-digit lead would not hold, as Xavier used a four-minute 12-3 run to cut the lead to two points after Stanley Burrell found Justin Cage in the lane for a layup. That would be as close as the Musketeers would get as the two teams battled back and forth before a Marshall Taylor left-handed layup gave the Explorers a six point lead.

Xavier would get within five points with under a minute to play, but the Musketeers were forced to foul and La Salle made good on its free-throw attempts to seal the victory.

La Salle won the battle of the boards, 45-30, and grabbed a 16 offensive rebounds. Junior Mike St. John contributed nine rebounds. The Explorers shot 43 percent from the field and 47 percent from beyond the arc. Xavier connected on 38 percent of its shots, making only 24 percent of its attempts from three-point land.

LA SALLE 65, MASSACHUSETTS 44

AMHERST, MA – With a 65-44 win over Massachusetts, the La Salle Explorers (14-7, 6-4 Atlantic 10) guaranteed their first non-losing season in 12 years. La Salle used a series of scoring streaks to defeat UMass (10-10, 5-5) and ensure that they will finish .500 or better for the first time

since the 1992-93.

The Explorers saw four players score in double figures and spent most of the second half without the services of senior Steven Smith, who was whistled for his fourth foul with over 14 minutes left to play.

After falling behind by six points early in a sloppy first half, La Salle used a 13-0 run to take the lead. The run featured a quick stretch of a Smith follow dunk, then a Smith three-pointer followed by a Paul Johnson fast-break dunk off a steal. The Minutemen ended their scoring drought with a Brandon Thomas three, but by halftime La Salle led 27-22 on the strength of an 18-6 run.

The Explorers came out breathing fire in the second half, rattling off 10 straight points, including three-straight Darnell Harris trifectas. The sophomore finished with a team-high 14 points and nine rebounds. La Salle saw its second overwhelming run reach 17-6 before UMass came back to life. After hitting six consecutive free throws, the Minutemen's James Life unleashed three straight three-pointers to cut the La Salle lead to 46-41. Life scored 15 consecutive points in that span and finished with 18 after hitting another trey, his team's only other basket of the half.

After Life cooled off and missed his second consecutive three-point attempt, the ball appeared headed out of bounds when teammate Rashaun Freeman dove into the crowd to save the rebound. The ball found La Salle senior Jermaine Thomas, who passed the ball to Smith volleyball-style for a layup.

Smith finished with 10 points in just 27 minutes, while Thomas added 12 points. Junior Mike St. John, playing in front of a hometown crowd, scored 13 points, including three three-pointers, which tied a career-high.

The Explorers handed the Minutemen their first home loss of the season, ending a string of 12 straight wins at the Mullins Center.

LA SALLE 62, TEMPLE 56

PHILADELPHIA, PA – The La Salle men's basketball team snapped a 15-game Big 5 losing streak, handing Temple a 62-56 defeat before a sell-out crowd at Tom Gola Arena. The win was the first in Big 5 play for the Explorers' senior class. Senior Steven Smith led all scorers with 21 points, including a career-high five three pointers.

Temple opened up an early five-point lead, but La Salle fought right back and took the lead for good on Smith's first bucket of the game, a three-pointer with just under 14 minutes to play. The Explorers exploited Temple's matchup zone, making multiple passes to find an open man, most often for a trey. La Salle shot 14-for-28 from

beyond the arc for the game.

Sophomore Darnell Harris, who scored 17 points in a Jan. 14 loss at Temple, netted 19, tying a career-high by hitting five trifectas. Senior Jermaine Thomas added nine points on three huge treys.

After the La Salle lead grew to as many as nine points late in the second half, Temple attempted a comeback, slicing the deficit to two with under two minutes to play on a Mardy Collins put-back. Smith collected a Harris miss and was fouled going to the hoop. The All-America candidate then hit a pair of free throws to extend the lead to four points.

On the Owls' next possession, Collins was whistled for traveling, handing the ball back to the Explorers. Thomas was fouled and missed the front end of a one-and-one and Smith's tip-in didn't fall. Temple's Wayne Marshall grabbed the board and the Owls set up their offense. Smith, playing tight defense on Antwayne Robinson, was run into Marshall, who was attempting to set a pick, but knocked Smith to the floor and drew an offensive foul. Harris sank a pair of free throws on the Explorers' next possession, sealing La Salle's first Big 5 win since Feb. 13, 2002.

La Salle shot 47 percent from the floor, compared to Temple's 37 percent. The Owls won the battle on the boards, 34-28.

LA SALLE 75, DUQUESNE 66

PHILADELPHIA, PA - The La Salle men's basketball team notched its 12th win of the season, defeating Duquesne (3-16, 1-7 Atlantic 10), for the second time this season, by a score of 75-66 at the A.J. Palumbo Center. The Explorers (12-7, 4-4) led by as many as 19 points, and saw three players score in double figures.

Senior Jermaine Thomas led La Salle with a season-high 20 points, including three three-pointers. Sophomore Darnell Harris finished with 12 points, while senior Steven Smith added 11 points and eight rebounds.

The Explorers, who led wire to wire, used a late first-half run to pull away from the Dukes. Led by six Lewis Fadipe points, La Salle outscored Duquesne 13-1 over a four-minute span and took a 41-25 lead into the locker room at halftime. Fadipe finished with eight points, all coming in the first half.

La Salle got off to a slow start, missing four of its first five shots, but still managed to eek out an 8-1 lead as Harris hit back-to-back three pointers. Duquesne scored 11 of the next 16 points to cut the La Salle lead to one with under 12 minutes to play in the first half, but that would be as close as the Dukes would come.

Duquesne made a game of it in the second half, chipping away at the Explorers' once-comfortable lead. The Dukes cut it down to nine points with under nine minutes to play.

La Salle answered right back, rebuilding its lead to 16 points with under five minutes to play. The relentless Dukes refused to let the Explorers breathe easily, cutting the lead down to nine points in the waning minutes.

Sophomore Tabby Cunningham grabbed a career-high seven rebounds. The 5-foot-8 guard also dished out seven assists and finished with two points.

Bryant McAllister led the Dukes with 20 points. La Salle outrebounded Duquesne by a 40-29 margin.

LA SALLE 68, MASSACHUSETTS 61

PHILADELPHIA, PA - The La Salle men's basketball team (11-7, 3-4 Atlantic 10) put an end to a five-game losing streak, gutting out a victory over conference rival Massachusetts (9-8, 4-3) at Tom Gola Arena. The Explorers led by double digits, but UMass cut the lead to just three points late in the game. La Salle fended off the Minutemen's last effort and came out on top, 68-61.

Senior Steven Smith led the Explorers with 24 points and nine rebounds. The national player of the year candidate hit La Salle's first bucket of the game, a three-pointer, but landed awkwardly on the floor and appeared to re-injure his ankle. He returned after a quick visit to the bench and scored his team's first seven points of the game.

UMass built an early six-point lead, but the Explorers countered with their first non-Smith points, coming by way of a Jermaine Thomas three-pointer. The shot put La Salle up 10-9, a lead the Explorers would not relinquish. Thomas finished with 19 points and five assists.

La Salle stretched its lead to 13 points early in the second half, but UMass started to chip away at the Explorers' cushion. The Minutemen whittled their deficit down to three points with just over two minutes to play, but Thomas nailed a jumper with the shot clock winding down to put the Explorers up 61-56, forcing UMass to foul.

La Salle converted seven of nine free-throw attempts down the stretch to seal the deal. Sophomore Darnell Harris was the third Explorer to reach double figures in scoring, netting 14 points on 4-for-7 shooting from beyond the arc. Massachusetts had a duo of double-doubles from Stephane Lasme (13 points, 12 rebounds) and Rashaun Freeman (11 points, 10 rebounds).

The Explorers were outrebounded, 39-36, but

committed just nine turnovers to UMass' 14.

alum Fran Dunphy his 300th win.

PENN 73, LA SALLE 65

PHILADELPHIA, PA – The La Salle men's basketball team (10-7, 0-3 Big 5) came out on the losing end of yet another Big 5 game, giving Penn (10-5, 1-2) all they could handle before the Quakers gutted out a 73-65 win. The Explorers lost their fifth game in a row and extended their record Big 5 losing streak to 15 games.

Penn jumped out to an early eight-point lead, but La Salle clawed its way back into the game, led by sophomore Tabby Cunningham. With the Explorers down six with under five minutes to play in the first half, senior Lewis Fadipe pulled down a rebound off a David Whitehurst miss and fed the ball to Cunningham who took off on a fast break and drove the lane. Cunningham faked a layup and used a no-look underhand dish to find Fadipe for a two-handed slam. Not 10 seconds later, Cunningham swiped the ball from Whitehurst and fed senior Jermaine Thomas for a layup, cutting the Quaker lead to two points.

After a Penn timeout, freshman Paul Johnson blocked Friedrich Ebiede's shot and Cunningham came up with the rebound and fed senior Steven Smith for a three-point bucket that gave the Explorers their first lead.

Penn took a two-point lead to the locker room at break, but quickly built a six-point cushion in the second half. A Darnell Harris three-pointer cut the Penn lead to three points with under 13 minutes to play. On the Explorers' next trip down the court, sophomore Sherman Diaz took the game into his hands. Holding the ball along the baseline just inside the three-point arc, Diaz broke toward the basket and threw down a thunderous dunk in the face of Penn's Mark Zoller. He then immediately stole the ball as the Quakers came up the court and was intentionally fouled while attempting a fast-break layup. After converting both free throws, Diaz had La Salle within one point with the ball. A Smith jumper gave the Explorers the lead.

The teams battled back and forth before the Quakers went on a 10-4 run, led by a pair of Zoller threes. Zoller finished with a career-high 25 points, including four treys.

Smith, who finished with a team-high 23 points, picked up his fifth foul while attempting a shot and was given a technical on his way to the bench. Although Penn's Eric Osmundson missed both free throws, the technical was still a momentum killer for the Explorers, who had closed the gap to 66-62 with just over a minute to play.

A Harris three-pointer with 37 seconds left brought La Salle to within three, but the Explorers were forced to foul and Penn held on to give head coach and La Salle

SAINT JOSEPH'S 66, LA SALLE 54

PHILADELPHIA, PA – After holding Saint Joseph's to just 16 points in the first half, the Explorers let up 50 second-half points, falling 66-54 in Big 5 action at the Palestra. From the looks of play in the first half, La Salle was headed toward victory, but the second stanza took a dramatic turn and the Explorers dropped to 10-6 (2-4 Atlantic 10, 0-2 Big 5).

La Salle shut down Saint Joseph's early on, using a stringent defense that caused eight turnovers and swatted five shots. The Explorers scored the game's first nine points and opened up a 13-point lead as the Hawks shot a paltry 14 percent from the floor for the half. In contrast, La Salle hit 40 percent of their shots, led by nine points from senior Steven Smith, who finished with 17 points.

Coming out of the locker room at the break, the Explorers held a 27-16 advantage. Here's wear the dramatic twist in the plot kicked in. The Hawks came out and rattled off a 16-5 run to tie the game. Saint Joseph's outscored La Salle 50-27 in the second half. Hawks forward Chet Stachitas nailed a trifecta of three-pointers on his way to scoring 15 points, all in the second half. Dwayne Lee and Rob Ferguson, who were held scoreless in the first half, finished with 10 and 11 points, respectively. The Explorers shot just 8-for-29 in the second half.

Senior Jermaine Thomas scored eight points for La Salle, while junior Mike St. John contributed seven points and nine rebounds off the bench. Saint Joseph's held the advantage in rebounds, 41-30.

RHODE ISLAND 71, LA SALLE 68

PHILADELPHIA, PA - Despite mounting a second-half comeback after trailing most of the way, the La Salle men's basketball team (10-5, 2-3 Atlantic 10) could not hold on as Rhode Island (9-6, 3-1) gutted out a 71-68 win at Tom Gola Arena. The Rams won the contest at the foul line, making six clutch free throws at the end of the game. The Explorers tied the game at 63 with just under two minutes to play on a Darnell Harris three-pointer. Freshman Marshall Taylor penetrated the lane and kicked the ball out to Harris, who found the bottom of the net. From that point on, six of Rhode Island's final eight points were scored from the charity stripe.

La Salle kept it close, trailing by three points with 1 minute, 13 seconds left on the clock. The Explorers had a chance to tie when senior Steven Smith was open for a

three-pointer, but sophomore Tabby Cunningham could not get him the ball. Guard Jermaine Thomas was fouled on the play. Thomas made the ensuing free throws to cut the deficit to one, but Rhode Island's Jamaal Wise was fouled on the next possession and sank his foul shots to put the Rams back up three. Smith heaved a three-pointer on his next trip down the court, but the shot didn't fall.

Rhode Island sealed off the win with a layup off a long outlet pass from Jimmy Baron to Dawan Robinson, beating La Salle's full court pressure. Robinson led all scorers with 20 points. Smith and Thomas paced the Explorers with 16 points apiece. Taylor contributed 11 points, while Harris netted 14 on four trifectas.

La Salle trailed by as many as nine points in the first half, but went into the locker room down six. The Explorers tied the game early in the second stanza on a Taylor three-pointer. La Salle then went on a 10-1 run to take its biggest lead of the game at six points. From there, the game was closely contested as no team led by more than four points until the closing seconds.

The start of the game was delayed by 49 minutes, as the referees were late as a result of a conflict of information. The loss is the third in a row for the Explorers.

TEMPLE 68, LA SALLE 52

PHILADELPHIA, PA - After leading for almost the entire first half, the La Salle men's basketball team (10-4, 2-2 Atlantic 10) could not survive Temple's second-half surge, as the Owls (8-6, 2-2) came from behind to hand the Explorers their second consecutive loss. Guard Darnell Harris was red hot early on, scoring 17 first-half points, but the Temple defense adjusted and held him scoreless in the second half.

After the Owls took an 8-2 lead, Harris hit his first five shots, all three-pointers, to spark a 25-6 Explorers run that gave them their largest lead of the game at 11 points. La Salle sank seven treys in the first half, but made only two in the second half. Fifteen of Harris' points came in the first seven minutes and after the Temple defense stepped up coverage on the sophomore, he was held to just two points the rest of the way.

After the Explorers took a 35-30 lead into the locker room at halftime, Temple came out strong in the second half, ratcheting up its defense to hold La Salle to just 17 second-half points. The Owls forced the Explorers into 19 turnovers, with 12 coming in the second half. La Salle shot just 32 percent from the floor in the second half and 41 percent for the game.

Led by Dustin Salisbury's 15 second-half points, Temple put together a 24-10 run that gave them a nine-point advantage with 7 minutes, 22 seconds to play. After a Steven Smith layup with 6 minutes, 23 seconds remaining, the Owls' defense held La Salle scoreless for the next four minutes, extending the lead to 14 points. By then the game was out of reach for the Explorers.

Salisbury finished with a game-high 23 points, while teammate Mardy Collins chipped in 17 points. Smith scored 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Senior Jermaine Thomas also snared eight boards, but was held to just three points, which came on a trey just before the end of regulation. Temple's Antwayne Robinson also had a game-high eight rebounds for the Owls, who outrebounded La Salle 41-36.

Harris' five three-pointers tied a career high he set against Temple last season.

CHARLOTTE 64, LA SALLE 52

PHILADELPHIA, PA - Driven by 11 three-pointers, Atlantic 10 newcomer Charlotte (10-5, 3-0 A-10) handed the Explorers (10-3, 2-1) their first conference loss of the season, 64-52. The 49ers used a trio of Leemire Goldwire threes down the stretch to seal the game.

After trailing by as many as eight points in the first half, La Salle cut the deficit to a single point with under 10 minutes to play. The 49ers had stretched the lead back up to eight when Goldwire sank a trey. After a pair of La Salle free throws, Goldwire struck again for three. The reigning A-10 Co-Player of the Week then hit a third trifecta in as many trips down the floor, putting the Explorers in a 15-point hole.

After seeing at least four players score in double figures in six games this season, La Salle had only one player break the 10-point mark. Senior Steven Smith registered his fifth double-double of the season, scoring a game-high 17 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Junior Mike St. John provided a huge spark off the bench, swiping 13 rebounds and energizing the Explorers. He finished with six points.

Charlotte big man Curtis Withers also earned a double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds. Goldwire finished with 16 points and teammate Marcus Bennett added 12 points off the bench.

The Explorers were outrebounded 41-33, and shot 39 percent from the floor compared to the 49ers' 37 percent.

LA SALLE 67, RICHMOND 56

RICHMOND, VA - Once again led by a balanced scoring attack, the La Salle Explorers (10-2, 2-0 Atlantic 10) held

off a tough Richmond team (7-7, 0-1) to earn a 67-56 win at the Robins Center. For the sixth time this season, four Explorers scored in double figures. The victory gives La Salle 10 wins, equalling its win total from last season.

The Explorers survived a second-half Spider charge to win a streaky game that was filled with one scoring run after another. After Richmond started off the game with a 7-4 advantage, La Salle unfurled a 21-6 run to take control. Just as the Explorers stretched their lead to a game-high 13 points, Richmond responded with an 18-6 run that made it a one-point game with 12 minutes left in the game. That would be as close as the Spiders would get, as La Salle would score 17 of the next 23 points to take a 60-48 lead.

Sophomore Darnell Harris had a hot hand from three-point land, connecting on four treys. Harris scored a game-high 15 points, and his trifecta with 4 minutes, 54 seconds to go proved to be the final nail in the Richmond coffin.

Senior Steven Smith scored 14 points, and junior Mike St. John and freshman Marshall Taylor contributed 11 points each, as the Explorers hung 67 points on a Richmond squad that entered the game ranked second in the nation in points allowed. The most points the Spiders had previously allowed this season came from Tulane, who scored 64 points on Dec. 27.

Senior Lewis Fadipe was a force on the glass in the first half for the Explorers, grabbing all eight of his rebounds in the opening frame. Smith finished with seven boards. Gaston Moliva led Richmond with 14 points and eight rebounds and Peter Thomas chipped in 13 points. The Spiders held the edge in rebounding by a 36-31 margin.

LA SALLE 84, DUQUESNE 61

PHILADELPHIA, PA – The La Salle men's basketball team (9-2, 1-0 Atlantic 10) opened its conference schedule with a matinee win over visiting Duquesne (2-10, 0-1), 84-61. After falling behind by as many as 11 points in the first half, the Explorers took control in the second half, powered by a 15-0 run.

Down 43-40 with under 16 minutes left on the clock, junior Mike St. John sank a free throw to kick off the run. Senior Steven Smith hit a face-up jumper on La Salle's next possession, and senior Jermaine Thomas made the most out of a long defensive rebound, finding a streaking Paul Johnson for a fast-break layup. By the time the Explorers looked up, they were ahead 60-45 with under nine minutes to play.

La Salle made good use of the shot clock in closing out the Dukes, running it down to single digits and twice

finding an open Darnell Harris for a three-pointer.

For the fourth time this season, La Salle had five players score in double-figures. Smith led the Explorers with 21 points, 14 coming in the second half. Harris finished with 14 points and Thomas netted 12. Freshmen Marshall Taylor and Johnson scored 10 points each.

Duquesne's Bryant McAllister led all scorers with 22 points. Aaron Jackson kicked in 16 points for the Dukes.

Over 1,700 students from 13 area elementary schools were in attendance for the Explorers first conference win.

HOFSTRA 71, LA SALLE 70

PHILADELPHIA, PA – The La Salle men's basketball team squandered an eight-point lead with under five minutes to play, allowing Hofstra (8-2) to fight its way back and win a closely-contested game at Tom Gola Arena, 71-70. The loss spoiled a fine night by senior Steven Smith, who notched his fourth double-double of the season with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

With La Salle leading 69-61 with 4:34 left on the clock, Hofstra mounted a comeback that was kicked off with a Aurimas Kieza three-pointer. The Pride's Carlos Rivera stole the ball from Tabby Cunningham and fed Kieza for a jumper. Kieza then picked Smith's pocket and took off for a fast-break layup, tying the score at 69.

On La Salle's next possession, Smith was fouled attempting a layup. He made one of two free throws to give the Explorers a one-point lead. Hofstra's Antoine Agudio then hit a jumper with just over a minute left to put the Pride up 71-70.

The Explorers had a couple of chances to take the lead. Senior Jermaine Thomas missed a jumper with 47 seconds to go, and Rivera corralled the rebound. On the ensuing possession, Greg Johnson missed a three and the rebound went out of bounds, giving La Salle the ball with six seconds left. After a Hofstra timeout, Cunningham tried to drive the length of the court, but was tied up and lost the ball as time expired.

Agudio's 23 points led all scorers. La Salle's Darnell Harris contributed 16 points on 6-for-9 shooting, including four treys. Freshman Paul Johnson added 11 points. The Explorers connected on 50 percent of their shots.

Loren Stokes had 18 points for the Pride, who shot 49 percent from the floor. Adrian Uter added 12 points and Kieza finished with nine.

LA SALLE 85, ST. FRANCIS (PA) 55

PHILADELPHIA, PA – After a five-day layoff following their first loss of the season, the Explorers (8-1) responded with an 85-55 drubbing of St. Francis (PA) at Tom Gola Arena.

Five La Salle players registered double figures in scoring, led by All-America candidate Steven Smith, who netted 16 points.

La Salle built a 16-point lead in the first half, but St. Francis narrowed the margin to nine as the teams went to the locker room. The Explorers tightened up on defense early in the second half, keeping the Red Flash scoreless for a five-minute span, led by the hustle of Mike St. John. The junior grabbed five steals on the night. All told, La Salle went on a 27-2 run that lasted from just after the 16-minute mark until there was only six minutes left to play.

The Explorers saw their lead balloon to as many as 41 points, which was a welcome sight after being on the receiving end of a 41-point loss to No. 3 Villanova on Dec. 22.

Senior Jermaine Thomas finished with 14 points, while classmate Lewis Fadipe set a career-high with 12 points. He also grabbed seven rebounds and swatted one shot. Freshman Paul Johnson scored 11 points and sophomore Darnell Harris tallied 12 points off the bench.

The last time La Salle won by 30 or more points was on Jan. 23, 2000, a 80-49 victory at Xavier.

The Explorers shot 53 percent from the field, compared to St. Francis' 42 percent. La Salle also held the edge in rebounds, 40-26.

The Red Flash (2-8) suffered their sixth-straight loss and never led by more than one point.

VILLANOVA 98, LA SALLE 57

VILLANOVA, PA - The La Salle men's basketball team saw its undefeated streak end, falling to nationally-ranked Villanova, 98-57, at the Pavilion. After the Explorers (7-1) jumped out to an early lead, the third-ranked Wildcats (8-0), led by the strong shooting of Allan Ray and Randy Foye, charged back to take control of the game.

La Salle came out strong, scoring the game's first seven points and did not relinquish the lead until a Mike Nardi three-pointer tied it at 11. Sophomore Darnell Harris scored five of La Salle's first seven points.

Ray scored 15 first-half points, including four three-pointers. Three of those treys came in a three-minute span, and led to a 16-point Villanova cushion. The Explorers headed to the locker room down 20 points. Ray finished with a game-high 21 points on 7-of-13 shooting.

Any attempt at a La Salle comeback was thwarted by Foye's red-hot second-half shooting. Foye hit six trifectas in the second half and finished the game with eight threes. He scored 20 points on the night, 15 of which came in the second half.

Villanova used double- and triple-teams on senior Steven Smith, who scored 13 points. Harris led the Explorers with 15 points.

La Salle shot 35 percent from the floor, compared to Villanova's 54 percent. The Wildcats held the narrow edge in rebounds, 37-35.

LA SALLE 70, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL 61, OT

PHILADELPHIA, PA - For the second time in three days the La Salle men's basketball team needed more than the regulation 40 minutes to win a ballgame. After defeating Central Connecticut State in quadruple-overtime on Dec. 18, the Explorers came back from a 16-point deficit to beat Florida International, 70-61, requiring only one extra frame.

Trailing by eight points with six minutes left in regulation, the Explorers mounted their comeback. A pair of free throws by senior Jermaine Thomas cut it to six, before Thomas sank a three-pointer on La Salle's next possession. The guard scored his 1,000th career point earlier in the half and finished with 13.

After Florida International's Ismael N'Diaye committed a turnover, sophomore Darnell Harris was fouled and sank one of two free throws, shaving the Golden Panthers' lead to two. N'Diaye missed a layup that led to another Thomas three to give the Explorers their first lead.

An Elvis Lora three-pointer gave FIU the lead again before a Mike St. John layup and old-fashioned three-point play put La Salle back on top. Lora hit another trey to put Florida International ahead before senior Steven Smith banked a shot off the glass to tie it with 30 seconds to play.

The Explorers took control early in the overtime, breaking off a 7-0 run ignited by a Sherman Diaz three-pointer. La Salle outscored Florida International 11-2 in the extra period.

The Explorers came out flat to start the game, falling behind 16-6 and trailed 39-23 at the half. Diaz, who did not play at all in the first half, started the second half and gave La Salle a much-needed spark off the bench. The sophomore finished with 11 points and three key rebounds. The 11 points tied a career high for Diaz.

For the second game in a row, five Explorers scored in double-figures, led by Smith's 16 points. St. John added 13 points and 12 rebounds, while Harris chipped in 12. Lora led all scorers with 17 points for the Golden Panthers.

The win puts La Salle at 7-0, the program's best start since going 8-0 in 1989-90. Florida International falls to 3-6.



LA SALLE 107, CENTRAL CONN. ST. 106, 4 OT

NEW BRITAIN, CT - A pair of free throws by sophomore Darnell Harris with no time on the clock in the fourth overtime gave La Salle (6-0) a 107-106 victory over Central Connecticut State (4-4).

With the Explorers trailing by a point, the Blue Devil's Javier Mojica missed a pair of free throws with five seconds to play. Harris rebounded the second miss and drove the length of the court to put up a desperation shot at the top of the key with one-tenth of a second left. The shot missed, but the referee's whistle blew just as time expired, as Mojica gave a hand on Harris and was called for the three-shot foul.

With his teammates looking on from the bench, Harris took to the charity stripe and missed the first shot. He hit the second, forcing at least a tie, before nailing the third free throw to give the Explorers the victory.

To say the win was in dramatic fashion would be an understatement, as each of the extra periods concluded with nail-biting finishes. At the close of the second overtime, with La Salle trailing 83-80, senior Steven Smith drained a three-pointer from the corner with 4.4 seconds on the clock to force a third extra period. Smith put the Explorers on his back, taking on double- and triple-teams to score 21 points during the overtimes. He finished with a career-high 41 points and added 10 rebounds for his third double-double of the season.

Mojica's jumper with less than five seconds to play in the third overtime tied the game. The shot came just after a Harris three gave the lead, 93-91. At the close of the first extra frame, the Blue Devils' Justin Chiera hit a trey that tied the game at 72 with under a minute to play. After getting the ball back, Chiera put up a last-second shot that caught iron, with the rebound going to Mojica, whose buzzer-beater attempt fell short.

Smith's 41 points led all scorers. Tristan Blackwood's 28 points led Central Connecticut State, which had five players reach double-digits in scoring. Chiera added 21, while Obie Nwadike had 19 points and 18 rebounds. For the Explorers, Harris finished with 16 points and freshman Paul Johnson chipped in 13 points. Senior Jermaine Thomas scored 10 points, as did freshman Marshall Taylor, who was making his debut appearance after transferring from Siena last season.

At 6-0, La Salle is off to its best start since 1989, when the Explorers won their first eight games on their way to a 30-2 finish. The last time La Salle won six games in a row came in the 1990-91 season.

LA SALLE 70, JAMES MADISON 58

HARRISONBURG, VA - With four players scoring in double figures, the La Salle men's basketball team improved to 5-0 for the first time since 1994 with a 70-58 win over James Madison at the JMU Convocation Center.

In a sloppy, turnover-filled game, the Explorers surged ahead early. Leading 9-8 with under 12 minutes to play in the first half, La Salle went on a 9-0 run to stretch its lead to 10 points. After sophomore Tabby Cunningham sank a three-pointer at the buzzer, the Explorers saw their lead balloon to 18 points at the half. After hitting the first basket of the second stanza, La Salle saw its biggest lead of the day at 20 points.

James Madison refused to roll over, as the Dukes repeatedly attempted comebacks, shrinking La Salle's lead to 11 at one point. That was as close as they would come.

The Explorers once again used balanced scoring to secure a win, this time surviving off-games from seniors Steven Smith and Jermaine Thomas. Thomas scored seven points, and Smith, who struggled from the field, finished with 10 points and nine rebounds after fouling out with under five minutes to play. Smith was whistled for his fourth foul and received a technical while disputing the call, ending his day early.

Cunningham led the Explorers, who shot 47 percent from the floor, with 13 points. Fellow sophomore Darnell Harris finished with 11 points and senior Lewis Fadipe scored a season-high 10 points.

The Dukes' Daniel Freeman led all scorers with 21 points, all coming in the second half. Cavell Johnson scored 13 for James Madison and Juwann James chipped in 10. La Salle was outrebounded for the first time this season as the Dukes grabbed 36 boards compared to the Explorers' 30.

The win was the second in a row over a Colonial Athletic Association team for the Explorers, who defeated Drexel, 62-50, at the Palestra on Dec. 3. La Salle will play one more CAA opponent, when Hofstra visits Tom Gola Arena on Dec. 30.

LA SALLE 62, DREXEL 50

PHILADELPHIA, PA - All-America candidate Steven Smith registered his second double-double of the season, scoring 26 points and tying a career-high with 15 rebounds to lead La Salle (4-0) over crosstown rival Drexel (3-5), 62-50, as part of the Big 5 Classic at the Palestra. The Explorers are off to their best start since they went 5-0 at the outset of the 1994-95 season.

The first half was a closely contested one, as no team

led by more than four points until the Explorers stretched the lead to six with under a minute to play. A jumper by Tabby Cunningham with two seconds to go in the half gave La Salle an eight-point cushion at the break.

The Dragons fought back, cutting the lead to one point with under eight minutes to play in the game, but a Mike St. John three kick-off off a stretch that would seal the win for La Salle.

On the next possession, St. John put up another three-pointer that bounced off the rim. Freshman Paul Johnson missed a put-back, but Smith slammed home a follow dunk.

Drexel tried to press, but senior Jermaine Thomas managed a long outlet pass for a fast-break dunk by Smith, who was fouled. After converting the old-fashioned three-point play, the score was 55-47. The Dragons would get no closer.

St. John finished with nine points and seven rebounds for the Explorers, who shot 43 percent from the floor. Cunningham had six points and four assists.

Frank Elegar had a double-double for Drexel, leading the team with 18 points and 13 rebounds. Freshman Scott Rodgers kicked in eight points off the bench.

LA SALLE 75, MOUNT ST. MARY'S 51

PHILADELPHIA, PA - Seniors Steven Smith and Jermaine Thomas combined to score 40 points and lead the Explorers (3-0) over Mount St. Mary's, 73-51, at Tom Gola Arena. By winning its first three games, the La Salle is off to its best start since 1999. Smith led all scorers with 22 points and pulled in seven rebounds. Thomas netted 18 points and also grabbed seven boards.

The Explorers led for almost the entire game, trailing only at the outset. La Salle led by as many as 29 points in the second half. The win marked the first time since 2003 that the Explorers won by more than 20 points.

La Salle showed some flash in the first half, exciting the crowd. Early on, senior Lewis Fadipe got his hand on a shot by the Mount's Mychal Kearse, deflecting the ball skyward. Smith tipped the ball several times before eventually getting the ball to freshman Paul Johnson, who corralled the rebound and fed a breaking Tabby Cunningham. Cunningham whirled around in the paint before dishing the ball to Smith, who threw down a dunk.

Later in the half, Johnson scored a layup on a nice backdoor cut off a nifty feed from junior Mike St. John.

Fadipe recorded season highs in points (nine) and rebounds (nine). Cunningham scored four points and had four steals. Johnson finished with six points, including an explosive two-handed dunk off a Mount St. Mary's

turnover.

Kearse and Landy Thompson each scored 12 points to lead the Mountaineers. Charles Cook chipped in 11 off the bench. The Mount (1-3) shot 28 percent from the floor, compared to La Salle's 53 percent. The Explorers held the edge in rebounding, 40-30.

LA SALLE 75, AMERICAN 63

PHILADELPHIA, PA - Senior forward Steven Smith posted 31 points and 13 rebounds, earning his first double-double of the season, as the Explorers defeated American, 75-63, at Tom Gola Arena. La Salle is off to its first 2-0 start since the 2002-03 season.

The Explorers trailed by two at the half in a tight back-and-forth game. With the score tied at 45 and under 15 minutes to play, Smith made a play that seemed to swing the game's momentum to the Explorers for good. Senior Jermaine Thomas shot an airball that was headed out of bounds under the net. Smith kept the play alive with a miraculous diving underhand toss that sailed the ball toward Tabby Cunningham. Cunningham dished the ball to Lewis Fadipe, who drove home a dunk to put La Salle up by two.

Two minutes later, Smith struck again, this time spinning past a defender and banking a shot in off the glass to stretch the lead to four. Smith was 12-for-23 from the field. Seven of his boards came on the defensive end of the court.

For the second-straight game three Explorers scored in double-figures, with Thomas and freshman Paul Johnson accompanying Smith. Thomas netted 14 points, including a pair of treys, and Johnson chipped in 10 points.

La Salle outrebounded the Eagles by a 36-32 margin.

LA SALLE 70, UMBC 55

BALTIMORE, MD - A balanced scoring attack and solid free-throw shooting started the Explorers' season on a positive note, as La Salle defeated Maryland-Baltimore County, 70-55, at RAC Arena.

Three Explorers scored in double-digits, and six players chipped in at least six points as La Salle earned its first season-opening victory since 2003. Senior Jermaine Thomas came off the bench to score a game-high 17 points. Fellow senior Steven Smith wound up a rebound shy of a double-double, scoring 15 points and snaring nine boards. Sophomore guard Darnell Harris added 13 points, including a pair of treys.

The Explorers led for most of the game, building a 10-point lead in the first half before heading into the locker room leading the Retrievers, 35-29. UMBC scored the first



eight points of the second half to take the lead, 37-35. Stretching back to the first half, the Retrievers rattled off 12 consecutive points.

La Salle fought back from its shaky start to the second stanza to once again take the lead with under 12 minutes to play. The Explorers would see their cushion reach 13 points with 6:30 to play. La Salle held tough down the stretch, limiting UMBC to just 18 points over the final 15 minutes. The Explorers shot 24-for-30 from the free-throw line in the second half to seal the deal.

La Salle shot 43 percent from the field and 39 percent from beyond the three-point arc. UMBC (1-1) hit 39 percent of its shots, but connected on just 19 percent of its attempts from three-point land. Brian Hodges led the Retrievers with 17 points; John Zito chipped in 10. La Salle held a narrow edge in rebounds, 34-32.

La Salle at UMC

Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS
11-20-05 6:07 p.m. at RAC Arena, Baltimore, MD.

VISITORS: La Salle

#	Player Name	TOT-FG	3-PT	FG-PSA	FG-PSA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TO	FF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
03	OLAJ, Steven.....	f	1-3	0-1	1-1	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	9	
30	SMITH, Steven.....	f	5-12	1-2	4-6	1	9	9	2	15	2	4	2	2	40	
31	FAZIE, Lewis.....	f	3-5	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	4	9	1	1	1	1	13	
11	HARRIS, Darnell.....	g	2-6	2-5	5-6	1	4	5	13	1	2	0	1	3	17	
14	CUNNINGHAM, Tabby.....	g	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	6	2	1	0	0	24	
01	JOHNSON, Paul.....	g	3-7	0-0	1-2	3	3	7	7	0	0	0	0	2	22	
20	NEAL, Sean.....	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
23	THOMAS, Jeremiah.....	g	2-5	1-1	1-4	0	3	4	17	2	1	2	1	2	30	
42	ST. JOHN, Mike.....	g	1-2	0-0	1-3	1	4	5	2	3	2	3	0	1	24	
TEAM.....																
Totals.....																

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 17-30 42.3% 2nd Half: 10-24 41.7% Game: 42.3% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 4-10 40.0% 2nd Half: 1-3 33.3% Game: 35.5% REBS
F Throw 1st Half: 5-9 62.5% 2nd Half: 24-30 80.0% Game: 76.3% 3

HOME TEAM: UMC

#	Player Name	TOT-FG	3-PT	FG-PSA	FG-PSA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TO	FF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
11	Dinkins, Terrell.....	f	2-6	0-0	0-0	1	6	7	3	1	2	0	1	0	14	
33	Little, John.....	f	4-9	0-0	2-6	5	7	4	10	1	3	0	5	3	38	
40	Eshetadeho, Uweon.....	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	7	
12	Gray, Chris.....	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	7	1	1	0	0	0	27	
24	Hedgus, Brian.....	g	4-14	3-9	6-6	1	3	4	17	2	3	1	1	1	36	
02	Greene, Jay.....	g	0-3	0-2	0-1	1	0	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	14	
15	Mial, Richard.....	g	3-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	4	0	3	1	0	15	
23	Young, Tim.....	g	2-5	0-1	1-2	3	3	9	2	5	0	2	0	0	13	
44	Housman, Mike.....	g	3-7	0-0	0-0	2	1	7	6	1	1	0	1	0	17	
54	Tunney, Chris.....	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	
TEAM.....																
Totals.....																

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 10-25 40.0% 2nd Half: 12-24 50.0% Game: 45.2% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 3-8 37.5% 2nd Half: 0-8 0.0% Game: 18.8% REBS
F Throw 1st Half: 6-9 66.7% 2nd Half: 6-12 50.0% Game: 57.1% 4

Officials: Richard Gualletta, Fran Connolly, Jeff Bryant

Technical Fouls: La Salle-Unc. UMCB-None

Attendance: 2410

Score by Periods

La Salle 2nd Total

UMCB Retrievers..... 29 26 - 55

Mount Saint Mary's at La Salle

Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS
11-20-05 7:00 p.m. at Philadelphia, PA Tom Gola Arena

VISITORS: Mount Saint Mary's 1-3

#	Player Name	TOT-FG	3-PT	FG-PSA	FG-PSA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TO	FF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
03	ALBERT, Ryan.....	f	0-7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	24	
40	HUTCHILL, Maxima.....	f	2-7	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	0	2	1	1	2	2	23	
03	KEARSE, Michael.....	g	2-5	1-2	5-6	2	6	8	12	0	3	0	2	0	25	
03	THORSON, Landy.....	g	4-11	1-4	3-4	2	1	3	0	12	1	0	0	2	29	
22	WILLIAMS, Jony.....	g	1-2	0-1	1-2	0	2	2	1	3	4	3	0	1	23	
40	DUPR, Doug.....	g	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	14	
10	WITNEY, Nick.....	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
15	YOUNG, Chris.....	g	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	18	
12	STEVENS, Chris.....	g	1-5	0-3	2-2	0	3	3	0	4	3	2	0	0	19	
23	COSE, Charles.....	g	1-3	1-4	4-5	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	2	13	
31	BRYNE, Kirk.....	g	1-6	0-0	1-2	1	2	4	0	3	0	3	1	1	19	
TEAM.....																
Totals.....																

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 8-29 27.6% 2nd Half: 8-28 28.6% Game: 28.1% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 2-10 20.0% 2nd Half: 1-4 12.5% Game: 16.7% REBS
F Throw 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd Half: 13-17 76.5% Game: 76.2% 2,1

HOME TEAM: La Salle 3-0

#	Player Name	TOT-FG	3-PT	FG-PSA	FG-PSA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TO	FF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
01	JOHNSON, Paul.....	f	3-7	0-1	0-0	2	4	6	2	6	1	0	0	2	31	
30	SMITH, Steven.....	f	4-8	0-0	1-2	4	5	2	9	1	2	1	2	1	26	
30	SMITH, Steven.....	f	5-15	0-1	4-4	1	6	7	12	2	1	1	2	1	32	
14	CUNNINGHAM, Tabby.....	g	2-5	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	4	2	0	4	1	17	
23	THOMAS, Jeremiah.....	g	7-11	1-4	2-2	1	6	7	2	18	1	2	0	1	29	
01	DIAZ, Sherman.....	g	0-1	0-1	1-2	1	2	3	4	1	3	1	1	1	14	
03	ALBERT, Ryan.....	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
11	HARRIS, Darnell.....	g	4-9	1-4	0-0	0	2	2	0	9	1	3	0	0	26	
20	NEAL, Sean.....	g	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	
41	McGraw, Brad.....	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
42	ST. JOHN, Mike.....	g	1-1	0-0	2-4	0-4	1	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	22	
TEAM.....																
Totals.....																

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 13-28 46.4% 2nd Half: 17-29 58.6% Game: 52.6% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 1-4 25.0% 2nd Half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 23.0% REBS
F Throw 1st Half: 7-11 63.6% 2nd Half: 3-4 75.0% Game: 66.7% 4,1

Officials: Jeff Clark, Ron Tyburski, Terry Murphy

Technical Fouls: Mount Saint Mary's-None La Salle-None

Attendance: 2274

Score by Periods

Mount Saint Mary's 1st 2nd Total

La Salle..... 34 39 - 73

American at La Salle

Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS
11-26-05 2:00 p.m. at Philadelphia, PA Tom Gola Arena

VISITORS: American 0-2

#	Player Name	TOT-FG	3-PT	FG-PSA	FG-PSA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TO	FF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
34	Lay, Travis.....	f	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	9
02	Billie, Rayshawn.....	g	4-10	0-0	1-8	6	4	6	4	13	1	1	0	1	33	
03	Mercer, Derrick.....	g	2-7	1-3	2-2	0	0	6	2	7	1	0	1	0	38	
20	Ingram, Andre.....	g	3-10	1-3	1-2	1	2	3	3	9	2	0	0	0	29	
43	Levanicus, Linas.....	g	1-5	0-1	0-0	1	2	4	1	2	0	1	2	0	14	
00	Lewis, Sekou.....	g	3-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	3	6	2	1	0	0	16	
05	Carr, Garrison.....	g	5-6	3-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	13	1	0	0	12	
11	McIntosh, Craig.....	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
14	Gilmore, Brian.....	g	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	14	
15	Gentry, Gary.....	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
21	Statkevicius, And.....	g	2-3	2-3	2-2	0	0	1	1	3	10	1	0	0	27	
23	Permy, Romane.....	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
42	McIntosh, Jordan.....	g	0-1	0-0	0-2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	8
TEAM.....																
Totals.....																

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 11-23 47.8% 2nd Half: 11-29 37.9% Game: 42.3% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd Half: 2-6 33.3% Game: 31.8% REBS
F Throw 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd Half: 3-4 50.0% Game: 75.0% 2

HOME TEAM: La Salle 2-0

#	Player Name	TOT-FG	3-PT	FG-PSA	FG-PSA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TO	FF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
01	JOHNSON, Paul.....	f	4-8	0-0	2-4	5	2	7	1	10	0	1	0	2	28	
21	FAZIE, Lewis.....	f	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	5	2	1	0	0	0	15	
10	SMITH, Steven.....	f	12-23	4-8	6	7	13	1	31	0	2	0	2	38		
14	CUNNINGHAM, Tabby.....	g	2-5	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	0	1	26	
23	THOMAS, Jeremiah.....	g	3-7	2-4	6-6	2	3	5	2	14	3	0	0	1	28	
03	DIAZ, Sherman.....	g	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	
11	HARRIS, Darnell.....	g	2-7	1-5	2-3	0	2	2	7	1	1	1	1	3	33	
20	NEAL, Sean.....	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
42	ST. JOHN, Mike.....	g	1-5	1-3	3-4	2	4	6	2	6	2	3	0	0	25	
TEAM.....						1										
Totals.....		95-146	8-34	26-48	18	32	36	15	133	15	1	3	1	8	167	

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 12-32 37.5% 2nd Half: 13-36 36.1% Game: 43.1% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd Half: 3-

St. Francis (PA) at La Salle

Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS

12-26-05 7:05 p.m. at Philadelphia, La Salle University

VISITORS: St. Francis 2-8

VISITORS: St. Francis 2-8		FG-FGA		3-PT	REBOUNDS									
PTS	Player Name	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TO	PF	TP	A	BLK	S	MIN
21	EMRITZ, J.R.	f	9-19	1-2	0-0	2	6	4	19	0	3	1	1	32
34	LAWRENCE, Jelania	f	3-6	0-0	0-0	0	2	4	4	6	5	4	1	29
10	FARMA, Garrett	f	3-10	0-3	0-0	1	3	4	7	6	7	0	0	36
30	SUPERMART, Grant	g	7-13	2-3	1-2	1	0	1	10	1	2	0	2	31
43	PROFETA, Steve	g	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	19
43	BERTON, Bashashan	g	3-8	2-6	0-0	0	2	2	1	8	2	1	0	26
11	FORD, Marquis	g	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	11
25	KORSHORN, Winston	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	10
35	LORRY, T.J.	g	0-1	0-0	2-4	1	1	2	1	2	0	2	0	6
	TEAM					2	2	4						
	Totals	73-55	5-16	4-8	7-19	26	18	55	17	23	2	8	2	200

TOTAL FG: 1st Half: 13-26 50.0% 2nd Half: 10-29 34.5% Game: 43.8% DEADB
3-Pt. FG: 1st Half: 3-7 42.9% 2nd Half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 31.3% REBS
F Throw: 1st Half: 1-4 25.0% 2nd Half: 3-4 75.0% Game: 50.0% 3

HOME TEAM: La Salle 9-1

PTS		TOT-FG		3-P FT		REBOUNDS									
#	Player Name	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TO	PF	TP	A	BLK	S	MIN	
01	JOHNSON, Paul	1-5	1-1	0-0	0	1	2	3	1	11	0	0	1	13	
10	SMITH, Steven	5-11	1-1	5-7	1	4	5	16	4	6	1	1	27		
21	FADIEVE, Lewis	4-9	0-0	4-8	3	4	5	12	0	2	1	0	16		
14	CUNNINGHAM, Tabby	3-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	3	4	4	0	0	2	20		
23	THOMAS, Jermaine	0-8	2-3	2-4	3	5	8	0	14	1	3	0	26		
02	TAYLOR, Marshall	1-0	0-0	0	0	1	9	1	3	2	1	0	19		
03	DIAZ, Sherman	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	12		
04	LEWIS, Andrew	4-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		
13	HARRIS, Darrell	4-4	2-2	2-2	0	1	1	12	0	1	0	4	21		
20	REAL, Sean	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	9		
10	MCLELAN, Drew	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
41	CORNEN, Brad	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2		
42	ST. JOHN, Mike	1-6	1-3	0-0	1	4	5	0	3	2	2	0	28		
TEAM						3	2	5							
Totals		31-55	7-13	16-25	14-26	40	14	85	16	17	2	17	200		

TOTAL FG: 1st Half: 17-31 54.8% 2nd Half: 14-28 50.0% Game: 52.5% DEADB
3-Pt. FG: 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd Half: 3-6 50.0% Game: 53.8% REBS
F Throw: 1st Half: 1-6 16.7% 2nd Half: 15-19 78.9% Game: 64.0% 4

Officials: Joe Denney, Joe Tonnelli, Murg Shapiro
Technical fouls: St. Francis=TEAM, La Salle=None.
Attendance: 2175
Score by Periods
1st 2nd Total
St. Francis..... 30 25 = 55
La Salle..... 39 46 = 85

Duquesne at La Salle

Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS

01/07/06 12:00 p.m. at Philadelphia, La Salle Arena

VISITORS: Duquesne 2-10, 0-1 A-10

VISITORS		Quarto 2-10		A-10		REGULARS									
		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TO	PF	TP	A	BLK	S	MIN	
Player Name		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TO	PF	TP	A	BLK	S	MIN	
04 OUIE, Chancey	f	1-3	0-1	0-0	1	4	5	1	2	0	1	0	0	28	
34 GAYDEN, Keith	f	1-7	0-0	0-0	0	2	5	5	6	0	4	0	18		
45 HUBBON, Devante	f	1-7	0-2	0-0	0	3	4	4	1	1	0	0	22		
01 JACKSON, Aaron	g	0-10	0-0	6-6	3	5	8	16	1	3	0	0	37		
22 MALLISTER, Bryant	g	8-16	2-5	4-5	0	3	3	22	3	0	1	33			
13 KELLY, Brian	2-3	0-1	0-1	2	3	5	4	0	1	0	0	0	15		
25 MCNEON, Sean	2-4	0-1	1-2	0	1	3	5	1	3	1	0	21			
21 SQUALLY, Adam	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8		
28 THOMAS, Ronnie	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	18		
TEAM						2	1	3							
Totals		24-53	2-12	11-14	11-23	34	21	61	10	1	1	200			

TOTAL FG: 1st Half: 13-28 46.4% 2nd Half: 11-25 44.0% Game: 45.3% DEADB
3-Pt. FG: 1st Half: 1-4 25.0% 2nd Half: 1-8 12.5% Game: 16.7% REBS
F Throw: 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd Half: 8-10 80.0% Game: 76.4% 2,1

HOME TEAM: La Salle 9-2, 1-0 A-10

HOME TEAM: La Salle, D		TOT PTS		3-PT		REBOUNDS										
#	Player Name	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TO	PF	TP	A	BLK	S	MIN
01	JOHNSON, Paul	1-2	0-1	6-8	3	3	6	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	17	
21	FADIEVE, Lewis	4-7	0-0	4-6	2	5	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	
11	HARRIS, Darnell	3-13	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	14	2	0	0	0	0	3	29	
03	CUNNINGHAM, Tabby	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	1	4	2	0	0	0	1	26	
23	THOMAS, Jermaine	0-12	0-2	0-0	0	4	4	12	5	1	1	0	1	0	26	
02	TAYLOR, Marshall	4-7	1-2	1-2	2	3	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	
03	DIAZ, Sherman	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
10	MCLELAN, Drew	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	3	0	0	3	
10	SMITH, Steven	6-8	0-0	9-10	1	1	2	3	21	2	1	3	1	3	27	
24	CRAWFORD, Andrew	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
41	CORNEN, Brad	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
42	ST. JOHN, Mike	2-5	0-1	1-3	3	3	6	3	5	1	0	1	0	1	25	
TEAM								3	1							
Totals		29-61	5-15	21-29	12-21	33	14	84	14	1	1	13	13	13	200	

TOTAL FG: 1st Half: 8-27 29.6% 2nd Half: 21-34 61.8% Game: 45.3% DEADB
3-Pt. FG: 1st Half: 1-7 14.3% 2nd Half: 4-8 50.0% Game: 33.3% REBS
F Throw: 1st Half: 9-13 69.2% 2nd Half: 12-16 75.0% Game: 72.4% 4

Officials: DJ Carstensen, Eugene Crawford, George Harry
Technical fouls: Duquesne=None, La Salle=None.
Attendance: 3421
Score by Periods
1st 2nd Total
Duquesne..... 34 27 = 61
La Salle..... 26 58 = 84

Hofstra at La Salle

Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS

12-30-05 7:03 p.m. at Philadelphia, PA Tom Gola Arena

VISITORS: Hofstra 8-2

VISITORS: Modesta 8-2		TOT-FG 3-PT		REBOUNDS									
		FG-FGA	FG-FGT	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TO	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
88	Player Name												
01	Sestokas, Zygis	f	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	6
25	Picci, Aurimas	f	4-8	1-4	0-0	1	1	2	2	5	4	1	3
33	Utey, Adrian	c	0-9	0-0	2-3	4	2	6	3	12	1	4	0
01	Stokes, Loren	c	7-13	2-3	2-3	4	4	4	2	18	3	1	38
13	Aguino, Antoine	g	8-17	5-7	2-4	1	0	1	0	23	0	0	4
20	Johann, Greg		1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6
33	Rivera, Carlos		1-4	1-5	0-0	0	1	4	3	3	1	0	36
54	Gadley, Chris		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM						4	4						
Totals			28-57	9-20	6-10	11	14	25	11	71	10	15	4

TOTAL FG: 1st Half: 13-25 48.0% 2nd Half: 15-28 53.6% Game: 49.1% DEADB
3-Pt. FG: 1st Half: 6-13 46.2% 2nd Half: 3-7 42.9% Game: 45.0% REBS
F Throw: 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd Half: 2-3 66.7% Game: 60.0% 5

HOME TEAM: La Salle 6-2

PTS	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TO	PF	TP	A	BLK	S	MIN
88 Player Name	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TO	PF	TP	A	BLK	S <td>MIN</td>	MIN
01 JOHNSON, Paul	1-5	1-1	1-2	2	4	0	0	11	1	1	0	2	28
10 SMITH, Steven	5-19	0-2	3-5	2	10	2	21	25	2	1	1	36	
21 FADIEVE, Lewis	0-4	0-0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	10	
14 CUNNINGHAM, Tabby	0-2	0-0	2-3	4	4	4	3	4	0	0	2	25	
23 THOMAS, Jermaine	9-13	2-5	1-1	1	1	2	1	9	5	2	0	1	34
02 TAYLOR, Marshall	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	3	1	2	3	0	1	0	17	
03 DIAZ, Sherman	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1
11 HARRIS, Darrell	4-9	4-6	0-0	0	3	3	16	1	0	1	0	1	35
42 ST. JOHN, Mike	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	2	1	2	1	2	0	0	1	1
TEAM					4	4							
Totals	28-56	6-15	8-11	14	17	13	70	50	18	3	6	200	

TOTAL FG	1st Half: 15-32	46.9%	2nd Half: 12-24	54.2%	Game: 27-56	48.2%	LEADS
1st Half:	4-11	36.4%	2nd Half: 2-4	50.0%	Game: 6-15	40.0%	MISS
FT Throw	1st Half: 4-5	80.0%	2nd Half: 4-6	66.7%	Game: 50-51	98.0%	3RD

TOTAL FG: 1st Half: 15-32 46.9% 2nd Half: 13-24 54.2% Game: 50.0% DEADB
3-Pt. FG: 1st Half: 4-11 36.4% 2nd Half: 2-4 50.0% Game: 40.0% REBS
F Throw: 1st Half: 4-5 80.0% 2nd Half: 4-6 66.7% Game: 72.7% 3

Officials: Norm Tymbyuk, Frank Scaglione, Game Statereator
Technical fouls: Hofstra=None, La Salle=None.
Attendance: 1922
Score by Periods
1st 2nd Total
Hofstra..... 36 35 = 71
La Salle..... 34 39 = 70

La Salle at Richmond

Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS

01/07/06 7:05 p.m. at Richmond, Va. Robins Center

VISITORS: La Salle 10-2, 2-0

PTS		FG		FGA		FT		FTA		OF		DE		TO		PF		TP		A		BLK		S		MIN		
88 Player Name		FG		FGA		FT		FTA		OF		DE		TO		PF		TP		A		BLK		S		MIN		
01 JOHNSON, Paul		f	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	14	
30 SMITH, Steven		f	5-10	1-2	3-7	1	4	7	3	1	4	7	3	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	3	33	
21 FADIEVE, Lewis		f	0-12	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	6	4	2	6	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	16	
14 CUNNINGHAM, Tabby		g	0-13	0-0	3-1	0	0	3	5	2	0	3	5	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	17	
23 THOMAS, Jermaine		g	1-3	0-0	4-4	1	2	3	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	3	33	
02 TAYLOR, Marshall		g	4-8	2-6	1-1	1	2	5	2	1	1	2	5	2	1	1	3	2	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	1	28	
11 HARRIS, Darrell		g	5-9	4-7	1-1	1	1	1	15	1	0	1	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	2	24	
42 ST. JOHN, Mike		g	4-5	0-0	3-6	2	5	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	31	
TEAM								2	2																			
Totals			22-51	8-19	15-22	10	21	31	68	13	8	3	9	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	20	0	0	0	0	200

TOTAL FG: 1st Half: 13-32 40.6% 2nd Half: 9-19 47.4% Game: 43.1% DEADB
3-Pt. FG: 1st Half: 6-13 46.2% 2nd Half: 2-6 33.3% Game: 42.1% REBS
F Throw: 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd Half: 12-18 66.7% Game: 68.2% 3

HOME TEAM: Richmond 7-9, 0-1

Player Name	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TO	PF	TP	A	BLK	S	MIN
04 GIBBINGS, Jason ..	1-3	1-3	0-0	0	2	5	2	3	1	0	0	14	0
05 GIBBINS, Jason ..	1-3	1-3	0-0	0	2	5	2	3	1	0	0	14	0
06 GIBBINS, Jason ..	1-3	1-3	0-0	0	2	5	2	3	1	0	0	14	0
07 STEENBERG, Kevin ..	2-9	1-2	0-2	1	2	3	2	5	1	1	2	0	19
11 SVLLA, Gunter ..	3-9	2-6	1-2	0	5	5	2	5	4	2	0	0	27
12 SVLLA, Gunter ..	3-9	2-6	1-2	0	5	5	2	5	4	2	0	0	27
13 SVLLA, Gunter ..	3-9	2-6	1-2	0	5	5	2	5	4	2	0	0	27
14 MCLEAN, Duncan ..	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	8
15 JANDERS, Muntay ..	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	7
16 JANDERS, Muntay ..	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	7
17 JANDERS, Muntay ..	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	7
20 CRANN, Drew ..	1-4	0-3	2-2	1	2	3	1	4	0	1	0	1	5
TEAM ..													
Total ..	21-50	6-25	8-17	13	32	36	16	54	14	15	7	2	200
Total FG: 1st Half: 10-24 41.7% 2nd Half: 11-26 42.3% Game: 42.0% DEADB													
3-pt. FG: 1st Half: 4-13 36.4% 2nd Half: 2-14 14.3% Game: 24.0% REBS													

Charlotte at La Salle

Official Basketball Box Score - GAME TOTALS - FINAL STATISTICS
01/14/06 7:05 p.m. at Philadelphia, PA Tom Gola Arena

VISITORS: Charlotte 10-5, 3-0 A-10													
		TOT-FG 3-PT			REBOUNDS								
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	FF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S MIN
88	Player, Chris.....	5-12	1-1	2-4	4	8	12	1	3	3	0	1	35
03	MYERS, Curtis.....	3-3	0-0	0	1	5	6	2	0	4	0	0	25
44	NANCE, Chris.....	3-3	0-0	0	1	5	6	2	0	4	0	0	25
12	GOLDSTEIN, Lawrence.....	5-13	4-10	2-3	0	2	3	16	6	2	0	2	28
15	ALEXANDER, De'Angelo.....	2-11	2-6	3-4	3	6	9	1	9	1	2	0	32
20	BALDWIN, Mitchell.....	1-4	0-2	0	0	0	3	2	3	5	0	1	32
00	COLEMAN, Antwon.....	1-4	0-0	0	1	2	4	2	0	1	0	1	13
02	WILLIAMS, Courtney.....	1-3	0-0	0	0	1	3	0	2	1	0	0	6
11	BERNETT, Marcus.....	4-11	4-11	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
40	JAMISON, Darrell.....	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	4
TEAM.....													
Totals.....		23-62	11-30	7-11	16	25	41	64	14	15	0	10	200

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 11-36 30.6% 2nd Half: 12-26 46.2% Game: 37.1% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 4-9 44.4% 2nd Half: 5-11 45.5% Game: 36.7% REBS
F Throw 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd Half: 5-7 71.4% Game: 63.6% 3

HOME TEAM: La Salle 10-3, 2-1 A-10

		TOT-FG 3-PT		REBOUNDS												
#	Player Name			FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TOT	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
01	JOHNSON, Paul.....	f	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-2	3	4	7	2	0	1	0	1	12
30	SMITH, Steven.....	f	7-15	1-4	2-2	4	7	11	17	14	2	1	4	2	1	40
21	FADIEU, Lewis.....	c	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	10
14	CUNNINGHAM, Tabby.....	g	2-6	0-2	1-1	0	1	1	5	3	4	0	2	28		
23	THOMAS, Jeremiah.....	g	3-12	2-7	0-0	0	1	1	8	3	0	2	34			
02	TAYLOR, Marshall.....	g	2-5	1-2	0-0	1	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	15		
03	DIAZ, Sherman.....	g	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	9			
11	HARRIS, Darrell.....	g	2-7	1-5	2-2	0	0	1	7	0	1	0	0	23		
42	ST. JOHN, Mike.....	g	2-4	0-0	2-5	11	13	1	6	2	2	1	1	30		
TEAM.....								1	2	1						
Totals.....			20-52	5-24	7-12	10	23	33	16	52	9	5	2	200		

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 10-24 41.7% 2nd Half: 10-28 35.7% Game: 38.5% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 4-11 36.4% 2nd Half: 1-13 7.7% Game: 20.8% REBS
F Throw 1st Half: 1-3 33.3% 2nd Half: 6-9 66.7% Game: 58.3% 2,1

Technical Fouls: Charlotte-Home, La Salle-Home.

Attendance: 2421

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total
Charlotte..... 30 34 = 64
La Salle..... 25 27 = 52

Rhode Island at La Salle

Official Basketball Box Score - GAME TOTALS - FINAL STATISTICS
01-18-06 4:05 p.m. at Philadelphia, PA Tom Gola Arena

VISITORS: Rhode Island 9-6, 1-1 A-10													
		TOT-FG		3-PT	REBOUNDS								
#	Player Name	F	G	A	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	FF	TP	A	TO BLK S MIN
25	DANIELS, Will	1	4	2	1-2	2-2	1	2	3	2	5	0	1 0 1 22
32	WISE, Jamal	1	3	0	1-3	0-0	1	4	5	0	9	2	0 1 0 12
44	CLARK, Jon	0	3	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0 1 0 12
05	ROBINSON, Dawan	7	13	2	6-9	0-0	4	4	1	20	3	3	0 1 34
14	BITEE, Perlat	5	7	4	2-2	0-0	0	4	3	15	0	3	0 2 29
01	BANC, Terrence	2	5	0	5-7	1-5	3	9	1	2	0	20	20
04	SULLIVAN, Tyrone	0	1	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0 2
23	BARNY, Jimmy	0	3	0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	13	2	0	0 19
10	MOORE, J.R.	3	4	0	0-2	0-0	0	0	1	6	0	1	0 13
31	SEANRIGHT, Kahlem	1	4	0	0-0	2-3	1	3	1	2	0	0	1 0 18
TEAM.....													
Totals.....		25	53	12	17-26	10-13	10	24	34	13	71	9	8 200

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 13-10 43.3% 2nd Half: 12-23 52.2% Game: 47.2% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd Half: 1-3 33.3% Game: 33.3% REBS
F Throw 1st Half: 5-7 71.4% 2nd Half: 12-19 63.2% Game: 65.4% 3

HOME TEAM: La Salle 8-5, 2-3 A-10

VISITORS: Rhode Island 9-6, 1-1 A-10		TOT-FG 3-PT		REBOUNDS		FG-FGA FG-FGA FT-FTA		OF DE TOT FF TP		A TO BLK S MIN				
88	Player Name													
01	JOHNSON, Paul	0-5	0-2	0-0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	10
30	SMITH, Steven.....	7-16	2-4	2-4	6	4	16	22	1	0	34	34	34	34
21	FADIEU, Lewis.....	c	1-2	0-0	3-4	2	6	3	7	0	1	0	19	19
14	CUNNINGHAM, Tabby.....	g	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	4	4	0	0	21	21
23	THOMAS, Jeremiah.....	g	5-13	2-4	4-4	0	2	3	16	4	2	0	38	38
02	TAYLOR, Marshall.....	g	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	5	11	1	1	19	19	19
03	DIAZ, Sherman.....	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	5
11	HARRIS, Darrell.....	g	5-12	4-10	0-0	1	1	14	0	0	2	28	28	28
42	ST. JOHN, Mike.....	g	0-4	0-3	0-0	1	5	3	0	2	2	1	0	27
TEAM.....														
Totals.....		24	59	10-31	10-12	10	23	33	21	64	14	9	2	400

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 10-29 34.5% 2nd Half: 11-31 41.9% Game: 40.3% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 4-15 26.7% 2nd Half: 6-17 35.3% Game: 32.3% REBS
F Throw 1st Half: 2-2 100% 2nd Half: 8-10 80.0% Game: 83.3% 3,1

Officials: Ray Payco, Frank Scaglietta, Frankie Bordeaux

Technical Fouls: Rhode Island-Home, La Salle-Home.

Attendance: 2142

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total
Rhode Island..... 34 20 = 54
La Salle..... 28 40 = 68

La Salle at Temple

Official Basketball Box Score - GAME TOTALS - FINAL STATISTICS
11/14/06 12:05 p.m. at Phila. PA - Liacouras Center ** A10 **

VISITORS: La Salle 10-4 (7-2 A10)												
		TOT-FG 3-PT			REBOUNDS							
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	FF	TP	A	BLK	S MIN
88	PLAYER NAME											
01	JOHNSON, Paul	f	1-1	0-0	3-6			1	2	5	1	4 6 0 18
30	SMITH, Steven	f	7-13	1-2	0-0	1	2	5	7	15	2	4 0 38
42	ST. JOHN, Mike	f	4-8	1-2	0-0	3	5	8	4	9	1	4 2 34
14	CUNNINGHAM, Tabby	g	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0 0 11
23	THOMAS, Jeremiah	g	1-4	1-5	0-0	0	1	7	3	3	4	1 0 37
02	TAYLOR, Marshall	g	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	3	1	3	0	0 20
03	DIAZ, Sherman	g	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 0 1
11	HARRIS, Darrell	g	5-11	4-6	2-3	3	11	13	2	11	11	0 0 34
21	FADIEU, Lewis	g	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2 5 5
TEAM												
Totals		20-49	9-25	3-7	8	26	36	17	92	16	19	2 3 200

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 13-27 48.1% 2nd Half: 7-22 31.8% Game: 40.8% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 7-14 50.0% 2nd Half: 1-11 9.1% Game: 16.0% REBS
F Throw 1st Half: 2-3 66.7% 2nd Half: 1-4 25.0% Game: 42.9% 1

HOME TEAM: Temple 8-6, 12-2 A10

		TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS									
#	Player Name		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	FF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
24	HOBBSHON, Antwanye.....	f	1-4	1-8	0-0	3	5	8	1	9	1	0	2	9	29
14	CLARK, Sergio.....	c	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	5	5
03	SALASBERY, Dautan.....	g	9-16	4-10	1-2	3	3	6	2	23	12	0	3	31	36
13	TUDRILE, Mark.....	g	1-2	1-2	2-5	0	2	2	1	2	0	0	2	33	33
23	COLLINS, HANSEN.....	g	1-2	1-4	2-4	2	2	4	1	3	3	7	2	1	39
04	OAKES, Dishon.....	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
11	HAGE, Sam.....	g	3-7	0-0	1-1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
22	CHRISTMAS, Dorian.....	g	1-3	0-0	4-5	1	2	3	1	6	0	0	0	1	15
32	KIRKENDOLL, Oshane.....	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
33	INGRAM, Hekem.....	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
50	MURKIN, Wayne.....	g	2-4	0-0	4-5	2	5	7	2	8	1	1	1	1	26
TEAM.....															
Totals.....			24-64	8-25	12-21	17	24	41	10	68	8	5	9	200	

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 9-32 28.1% 2nd Half: 15-12 44.9% Game: 37.3% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 4-16 25.0% 2nd Half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 32.0% REBS
F Throw 1st Half: 8-13 61.5% 2nd Half: 4-8 50.0% Game: 57.1% 4

Officials: Eric Anderson, Larry Scroto, James Sreeding

Technical Fouls: La Salle-Home, Temple-Home.

Attendance: 4532

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total
La Salle..... 15 37 = 52
Temple..... 10 38 = 48

La Salle at Saint Joseph's

Official Basketball Box Score - GAME TOTALS - FINAL STATISTICS
12/17/06 12:00 at The Palestra, Phila. PA ATLANTIC 10

VISITORS: La Salle 10-6, 1-4 A-10													
		TOT-FG 3-PT				REBOUNDS							
##	Player Name		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	FF	TP	A	TO	BLK S MIN
01	JOHNSON, Paul.....	f	2-4	1-1	0-0	3	6	3	6	1	1	3	18
30	SMITH, Steven.....	f	4-14	0-2	5-10	3	6	4	17	0	4	1	0 37
21	FADIEU, Lewis.....	c	3-8	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	2	6	0	1	14 14
14	CUNNINGHAM, Tabby.....	g	1-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	23 23
23	THOMAS, Jeremiah.....	g	3-11	0-5	2-2	1	1	5	8	2	1	2	13 33
02	TAYLOR, Marshall.....	g	0-1	0-0	1-0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1 9
03	DIAZ, Sherman.....	g	2-4	0-1	1-2	1	2	2	5	0	1	1	19 19
11	HARRIS, Darrell.....	g	3-8	1-5	4-4	3	5	7	2	12	2	2	25 25
42	ST. JOHN, Mike.....	g	3-4	1-1	5-5	4	5	9	7	1	2	0	2 29
TEAM.....						5	5						
TOTAL.....			36-84	13-34	14-24	23	34	47	72	21	14	13	180

La Salle at Penn

Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS
01/25/04 7:30 at The Palestra, Philadelphia, Pa.

VISITORS: La Salle 10-7, 0-3 BIG 5												
		TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS						
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	DE TOT	PF	A TO	BLK	S	M	MIN	
#8 Player Name		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	DE TOT	PF	A TO	BLK	S	M	MIN	
01 JOHNSON, Paul.....	f	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	2	0	1	0	16
30 SMITH, Steven.....	f	10-20	1-4	2-2	2	4	5	23	2	6	1	37
21 FADIFE, Lewis.....	c	2-4	0-0	3-3	1	7	8	2	7	0	1	21
11 HARRIS, Darnell.....	c	5-8	3-5	1-2	0	1	1	4	2	3	0	21
14 CUNNINGHAM, Tabby.....	g	1-4	0-0	0-1	1	2	3	4	4	0	1	29
03 DIAZ, Sherman.....	g	1-4	0-1	2-2	0	1	1	4	2	0	1	30
23 THOMAS, Jermaine.....	g	4-6	0-1	2-2	1	5	6	4	0	3	0	34
42 ST. JOHN, Mike.....	g	1-2	0-0	1-1	3	4	7	4	3	0	1	22
TEAM.....												
Totals.....		25-50	4-11	11-13	10 25 35	24	65	14	0	7	4	200

TOTAL FG: 1st Half: 13-26 50.0%	2nd Half: 12-24 50.0%	Game: 50.0%	DEADS	
3-PT: 1st Half: 2-6 33.3%	2nd Half: 2-5 40.0%	Game: 36.4%	REBS	
F Throw: 1st Half: 2-3 66.7%	2nd Half: 3-10 30.0%	Game: 84.6%		0

HOME TEAM: Penn 10-5, 1-2 BIG 5

VISITORS: Penn 10-5, 1-2 BIG 5												
		TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS						
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	DE TOT	PF	A TO BLK	S	M	MIN		
#8 Player Name		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	DE TOT	PF	A TO BLK	S	M	MIN		
03 Danley, Steve.....	f	3-10	0-2	8-12	4	1	5	3	14	5	1	30
22 Zolner, Mark.....	f	10-17	4-6	1-3	3	3	6	25	1	1	1	34
01 Grandey, Brian.....	g	2-4	0-0	0-2	1	2	3	2	4	1	0	21
24 Jaeger, Ibrahim.....	g	4-14	0-6	2-2	2	1	3	2	10	2	5	40
14 Odomson, Eric.....	g	5-9	4-7	3-5	1	2	3	17	3	4	0	35
13 Welterhurst, David.....	g	3-3	0-0	0-1	1	0	2	0	5	1	2	24
31 McMahon, Tony.....	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
31 Edege, Fredrick.....	0-1	0-0	3-4	2	3	5	1	3	0	0	0	10
TEAM.....												
Totals.....		44-60	8-25	17-28	14	35	31	18	73	4	9	5 10 201

TOTAL FG: 1st Half: 12-32 37.5%	2nd Half: 12-28 42.9%	Game: 40.0%	DEADS	
3-PT: 1st Half: 5-13 38.5%	2nd Half: 3-10 30.0%	Game: 32.0%	REBS	
F Throw: 1st Half: 2-4 50.0%	2nd Half: 14-22 63.6%	Game: 60.7%		6, 2

Officials: Bob Martin, Tim O'Brien, Jack Sweeney

Technical fouls: La Salle-SMITH, Steven. Penn-None.

Attendance: 4916

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
La Salle.....	30	35	65
Penn.....	32	41	73

Massachusetts at La Salle

Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS
01/29/04 2:05 p.m. at Philadelphia, PA Tom Gola Arena

VISITORS: UMASS 9-8, 4-3 A-10												
		TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS						
Player Name		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	DE TOT	PF	T	A	TO	BLK	S	M
13	LAINE, Stephanie.....	f	4-7	0-0	5-5	6	12	3	13	1	1	0
22	VIGGIANO, Jeff.....	f	0-6	0-4	1-2	1	3	4	3	1	1	1
01	FREDMAN, Rahm.....	c	3-6	0-0	5-10	4	10	4	11	2	2	0
05	LIFT, James.....	g	5-10	4-9	0-0	1	3	4	0	14	1	3
14	LOOME, Chris.....	g	5-16	1-7	1-2	0	1	1	4	12	2	0
00	THOMAS, Brandon.....	2-5	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	5	2	0	1
20	MILLIGAN, Dante.....	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	2	0	0	0	12
23	CAMPBELL, Lawrence.....	1-3	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	14
TEAM.....												
Totals.....			21-54	7-23	12-23	15	24	39	18	61	9	14
											2	5

TOTAL FG: 1st Half: 10-29 34.5%	2nd Half: 11-25 44.0%	Game: 39.5%	DEADS	
3-PT: 1st Half: 3-12 25.0%	2nd Half: 4-11 36.4%	Game: 30.4%	REBS	
F Throw: 1st Half: 3-6 50.0%	2nd Half: 5-17 29.3%	Game: 52.2%		6, 1

HOME TEAM: La Salle 11-7, 3-4 A-10

VISITORS: La Salle 11-7, 3-4 A-10												
		TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS						
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	DE TOT	PF	A TO	BLK	S	M	MIN	
#8 Player Name		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	DE TOT	PF	A TO	BLK	S	M	MIN	
21 FADIFE, Lewis.....	f	0-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	4	0	0	0	10
20 SMITH, Steven.....	f	10-19	1-2	3-4	4	5	9	12	4	1	0	36
11 HARRIS, Darnell.....	g	5-12	4-7	0-0	0	3	2	14	2	1	0	32
14 CUNNINGHAM, Tabby.....	g	1-5	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	4	2	2	0	20
23 THOMAS, Jermaine.....	g	6-13	2-6	5-7	3	3	6	0	19	5	4	35
01 JOHNSON, Paul.....	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	0	1	3	0	1	0	15
03 DIAZ, Sherman.....	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1
42 ST. JOHN, Mike.....	2-5	0-2	0-0	0	0	3	4	0	1	1	0	5
TEAM.....												
Totals.....		25-60	7-17	11-15	13 23 36	15	60	14	9	1	7	200

TOTAL FG: 1st Half: 14-34 41.2%	2nd Half: 11-26 42.3%	Game: 41.7%	DEADS	
3-PT: 1st Half: 4-9 44.4%	2nd Half: 3-8 37.5%	Game: 40.4%	REBS	
F Throw: 1st Half: 1-2 50.0%	2nd Half: 10-13 76.9%	Game: 72.3%		1

Officials: Gary Prager, John LaRocca, David Walker

Technical fouls: UMASS-None. La Salle-None.

Attendance: 3132

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
UMASS.....	26	35	61
La Salle.....	33	35	68

La Salle at Duquesne

Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS
02/01/06 7:05 PM at Pittsburgh, PA / Palumbo Ctr.

VISITORS: La Salle (11-7, 4-4 A10)														
		TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS								
#	PLAYER NAME	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	DE	TOT	PF	A	TO	BLK	S	M		
30	SMITH, Steven.....	f	4-11	1-3	2-4	3	5	8	1	1	4	5	0	34
21	FADIFE, Lewis.....	c	4-4	0-0	0-1	1	2	3	8	0	1	3	1	21
11	HARRIS, Darnell.....	g	4-9	2-7	2-2	1	3	2	12	5	1	1	0	22
14	CUNNINGHAM, Tabby.....	g	1-6	0-1	0-1	2	5	7	1	2	7	2	1	28
23	THOMAS, Jermaine.....	g	6-12	3-8	5-6	0	7	7	10	2	2	0	0	39
01	JOHNSON, Paul.....	0-4	0-0	1-2	2	3	3	9	2	1	0	1	1	23
03	DIAZ, Sherman.....	4-6	0-2	0-0	1	2	2	8	1	0	0	0	0	14
10	HSAL, Sean.....	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
42	ST. JOHN, Mike.....	2-4	1-3	0-0	1	3	4	2	5	1	0	0	0	16
TEAM.....														
Totals.....			29-59	7-24	10-16	11	28	40	16	7	5	1	4	200

TOTAL FG: 1st Half: 19-34 56.0%	2nd Half: 11-23 47.8%	Game: 49.2%	DEADS	
3-PT: 1st Half: 4-11 36.4%	2nd Half: 3-11 27.3%	Game: 25.2%	REBS	
F Throw: 1st Half: 1-3 33.3%	2nd Half: 9-13 69.2%	Game: 62.5%		4

HOME TEAM: Duquesne (12-16, 1-7 A10)

HOME TEAM: Duquesne (16, 1-7 A10)														
		TOT-FG		3-PT	REBOUNDS									
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	DE	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	MIN		
#04	DURE, Chance.....	f	2-7	0-3	2-2	4	5	9	2	6	3	0	1	30
#45	HUDSON, Kevin.....	f	6-11	3-4	0-1	2	3	5	2	15	1	1	2	32
#25	MCKENON, Sean.....	c	1-5	0-0	0-1	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	20
#01	JACKSON, Aaron.....	g	4-9	1-4	3-4	1	2	3	15	2	3	1	0	35
#22	MUALISTIER, Bryant.....	g	7-17	3-6	1-4	4	5	0	20	6	2	1	0	37
#13	KELLY, Brian.....	g	1-0	0-0	0-2	0	1	4	2	0	2	0	0	16
#10	HSAL, Sean.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	9
#32	THOMAS, Rommie.....	1-3	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	12
#34	GARDEN, Keith.....	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	9
Totals.....		24-58	10-19	8-16	10	19	29	25	66	13	3	5	1	200

TOTAL FG: 1st Half: 8-24 33.3%	2nd Half: 16-32 50.0%	Game: 41.4%	DEADS	
3-PT: 1st Half: 1-3 33.3%	2nd Half: 9-16 56.3%	Game: 51.6%	REBS	
F Throw: 1st Half: 8-13 61.5%	2nd Half: 3-3 0.0%	Game: 50.0%		3, 2

Officials: Ron Tyburski, Dennis Arinella, Curtis Blair

Technical fouls: La Salle-None. Duquesne-None.

Attendance: 1332

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
La Salle.....	41	34	75
Duquesne.....	25	41	66

Temple at La Salle

Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS
02/04/06 4:03 p.m. at Philadelphia, PA Tom Gola Arena

VISITORS: Temple 12-8, 5-4 A-10																
		TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS										
#	Player Name	F	G	F-GA	F-GA	F	FTA	F	DE	TF	PF	T	A	BK	S	M
24	ROBINSON, Anywance	f	5-13	0-6	0-0	0	3	4	7	1	0	2	0	0	1	10
4	WILLIAMS, J. J.	c	4-8	0-0	0-0	7	15	2	3	15	0	1	0	0	0	28
0	SALISBERY, Dustin	g	2-8	2-7	1-2	2	3	3	1	7	2	0	0	0	0	23
13	TINDALE, Mark	g	1-8	0-3	0-0	0	3	3	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	36
25	COLLINS, Marcy	g	8-16	0-3	1-2	3	4	3	17	2	3	0	0	0	0	16
1	BOCATE, O. J.	c	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	CLARK, Chris	0	1-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
22	CHRISTMAS, Dionte	2-5	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	9
3	INGRAM, Nehemiah	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4

La Salle at Massachusetts

Official Basketball Box Score - GAME TOTALS - FINAL STATISTICS

2/19/04 7:00 p.m. at Amherst, Mass. - Mullins Center

VISITORS: La Salle 18-7, 6-4 A-10

##	Player Name	TOT-FG 3-PT		FT-FTA		REBOUNDS		OF DE TOT		PF		TP		A TO BLK		S MIN	
		F	A	F	A	R	REB	O	D	P	F	T	A	T	B	S	M
01	JOHNSON, Paul.....	4	6	0	0	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	21			
30	SMITH, Steven.....	4	12	1	4	1	3	4	0	1	3	1	3	27			
21	FADIPS, Lewis.....	2	2	0	2	4	6	3	4	0	1	0	0	27			
11	HARRIS, Darnell.....	4	13	1	7	3	4	2	9	9	2	14	1	1	2	32	
23	THOMAS, Jermaine.....	4	11	1	4	0	2	2	12	6	3	0	2	37			
02	TAYLOR, Marshall.....	1	5	0	1	4	2	6	2	2	0	0	0	17			
03	OLAZ, Sherman.....	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
20	HEAL, Sean.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
42	ST. JOHN, Mike.....	5	10	0	0	3	4	7	3	13	2	1	1	25			
TEAM.....						2	4										
Totals.....		24-61	8-24	9-13	19-24	41	19	43	13	4	7	20					

TOT-FG 1st Half: 10-25 28.4% 2nd Half: 14-26 53.8% Game: 19-37 50.8%
3-PT 1st Half: 3-13 23.1% 2nd Half: 4-10 40.0% Game: 15-7 78.6%
F Throw 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd Half: 5-7 71.4% Game: 69-2 3.1

HOME TEAM: Massachusetts 10-10, 5-5 A-10

##	Player Name	TOT-FG 3-PT		FT-FTA		REBOUNDS		OF DE TOT		PF		TP		A TO BLK		S MIN	
		F	A	F	A	R	REB	O	D	P	F	T	A	T	B	S	M
13	LAINE, Stephane.....	1	3	0	0	1	2	3	5	2	0	2	0	1	0	18	
22	VIGLIANO, Jeff.....	2	9	0	3	0	3	1	7	0	0	1	2	30			
01	FREDYUN, Rahman.....	0	0	0	0	4	7	4	11	2	4	6	5	3	0	34	
14	LOWE, Chris.....	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	
34	LIFE, James.....	0	13	0	1	0	1	3	18	0	3	2	1	36			
02	THOMAS, Brandon.....	1	3	1	1	2	0	5	5	3	0	3	0	22			
20	MILLIGAN, Gabe.....	3	8	0	0	0	7	3	4	0	1	0	0	24			
23	CUMPIER, Lawrence.....	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	12			
TEAM.....						2	2										
Totals.....		12-51	5-14	15-18	33	18	44	17	9	4	17	9	20				

TOT-FG 1st Half: 7-28 25.0% 2nd Half: 5-23 21.7% Game: 12-51 23.5%
3-PT 1st Half: 3-14 21.4% 2nd Half: 4-10 40.0% Game: 15-7 78.6%
F Throw 1st Half: 7-8 87.5% 2nd Half: 8-8 100% Game: 93-8 0.1

Officials: John Hughes, Bernard Clinton, John Gwyn

Technical Fouls: La Salle=None Massachusetts=Wayne

Attendance: 3897

Score by Periods

1st 2nd Total

La Salle 18 7 25

Massachusetts 10 10 20

22 22 - 44

La Salle at Xavier

Official Basketball Box Score - GAME TOTALS - FINAL STATISTICS

02-11-04 12:00 p.m. at Cintra Center (Cincinnati, Ohio)

VISITORS: La Salle 15-7, 7-4 A-10

##	Player Name	TOT-FG 3-PT		FT-FTA		REBOUNDS		OF DE TOT		PF		TP		A TO BLK		S MIN	
		F	A	F	A	R	REB	O	D	P	F	T	A	T	B	S	M
01	JOHNSON, Paul.....	1	3	0	0	3	3	1	4	3	6	0	3	0	0	1	24
30	SMITH, Steven.....	8	19	1	3	6	2	9	13	3	23	5	2	0	36		
21	FADIPS, Lewis.....	0	1	0	0	1	2	4	1	5	3	3	0	0	0	12	
11	HARRIS, Darnell.....	7	14	1	3	2	1	2	0	4	3	18	3	2	0	0	34
23	THOMAS, Jermaine.....	4	8	3	4	7	8	3	5	8	2	18	4	0	1	39	
02	TAYLOR, Marshall.....	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	26	
03	OLAZ, Sherman.....	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
20	HEAL, Sean.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
42	ST. JOHN, Mike.....	2	3	2	2	1	2	3	6	9	7	1	0	1	0	28	
TEAM.....						1	1										
Totals.....		25-56	19-20	15-26	16	28	44	20	79	17	3	5	20				

TOT-FG 1st Half: 14-34 41.2% 2nd Half: 9-22 40.9% Game: 44-61 72.1%
3-PT 1st Half: 4-15 26.7% 2nd Half: 3-4 75.0% Game: 47-44 85.2%
F Throw 1st Half: 2-3 66.7% 2nd Half: 18-22 81.8% Game: 80-0 2.1

HOME TEAM: Xavier 14-7, 5-5 A-10

##	Player Name	TOT-FG 3-PT		FT-FTA		REBOUNDS		OF DE TOT		PF		TP		A TO BLK		S MIN	
		F	A	F	A	R	REB	O	D	P	F	T	A	T	B	S	M
03	CAGE, Justin.....	4	2	0	0	5	7	2	3	5	9	1	2	0	0	32	
15	DOUGLASS, Huston.....	0	6	0	3	2	4	4	4	8	5	2	1	0	1	24	
02	TRICHTON, Brian.....	0	2	0	0	4	4	1	0	8	2	0	2	1	0	10	
10	FINN, Derrick.....	3	7	2	5	1	3	4	0	9	2	1	1	2	34		
34	BORRILL, Stanley.....	7	19	1	3	0	0	2	3	15	5	1	0	1	37		
01	OWMAN, Josh.....	4	10	1	8	2	2	1	4	2	13	2	2	1	0	24	
11	RAYMOND, B.J.....	1	4	0	2	3	4	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	9	
14	WOLF, Johnny.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
13	COLE, Brandon.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
52	BRULE, Will.....	3	6	0	1	2	1	2	7	0	1	1	1	1	1	18	
TEAM.....						3	3										
Totals.....		22-60	6-24	10-22	13	38	31	20	73	9	8	9	20				

TOT-FG 1st Half: 13-27 48.1% 2nd Half: 9-33 27.3% Game: 36-73 49.3%
3-PT 1st Half: 4-9 44.4% 2nd Half: 2-17 11.8% Game: 23-31 74.2%
F Throw 1st Half: 4-9 44.4% 2nd Half: 14-19 73.7% Game: 31-41 75.6%

Officials: Earl Walton, Fran Connelly, Tracy Woodson

Technical Fouls: La Salle=None Xavier=TEAM

Attendance: 10074

Score by Periods

1st 2nd Total

La Salle 15 7 22

Xavier 14 7 21

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St. Bonaventure at La Salle

Official Basketball Box Score - GAME TOTALS - FINAL STATISTICS

02/19/06 7:00 p.m. at Philadelphia, PA Tom Gola Arena

VISITORS: St. Bonaventure 10-10, 1-1 A-10

##	Player Name	TOT-FG 3-PT		FT-FTA		REBOUNDS		OF DE TOT		PF		TP		A TO BLK		S MIN	
		F	A	F	A	R	REB	O	D	P	F	T	A	T	B	S	M
05	LEE, Michael.....	1	18	0	2	3	4	9	1	5	0	1	1	33			
02	WILLIAMS, Paul.....	0	4	0	0	3	4	9	4	13	2	0	0	24			
31	BENJIE, Jameel.....	0	16	0	1	3	1	4	2	17	2	0	0	25			
10	MELPIS, Taylor.....	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	3	0	1	0	26			
32	CARSON, Isaiah.....	0	4	0	0	2	1	3	1	2	1	0	1	35			
03	DUGGS, Terrell.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
12	BEWON, David.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
20	DORSEY, Wade.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	6			
24	LOTTIN, Jarrick.....	0	5	0	0	5	5	1	4	1	0	0	2	26			
25	HAWKINS, A.J.....	1	3	0	0	2	4	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	1		
TEAM.....						2	5										
Totals.....		24-69	6-21	8-25	17-23	42	12	42	17	3	4	20					

TOT-FG 1st Half: 13-38 34.2% 2nd Half: 11-31 35.5% Game: 34-69 49.3%
3-PT 1st Half: 4-12 33.3% 2nd Half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 28-6 REB: 33-4
F Throw 1st Half: 1-3 33.3% 2nd Half: 7-12 58.3% Game: 53-3 4

HOME TEAM: La Salle 14-7, 4-4 A-10

##		NAME	Team	TS	FG	3PT	FT	REBOUNDS	OF	DE	TOT	PF	TP	
		Player	Home		FG	FGA	FGT	FTA	OF	DE	TOT	PF	TP	
01	JOHNSON, Paul			F	3	9	0	1	0	2	3	5	1	6
30	SMITH, Steven			F	14	34	1	3	3	0	6	6	0	22
21	FADIPS, Lewis			C	7	1	0	0	0	0	6	6	2	2
11	HARRIS, Darnell			F	15	25	2	5	0	0	5	5	1	12
23	THOMAS, Jermaine			F	11	24	0	2	3	3	6	2	0	12
02	TAYLOR, Marshall			F	4	6	0	0	0	3	2	5	2	11
40	LEWIS, Andrew			F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	HEAL, Sean			F	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2
42	ST. JOHN, Mike			F	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	2	2

• La Salle at George Washington

Official Basketball Box Score - GAME TOTALS - FINAL STATISTICS
02/22/06 7:30 pm at Washington, DC (Smith Center)

VISITORS: La Salle (17-9, 9-5 A10)

		TOT-PT	3-P-FT	REBOUNDS												
#	Player Name	FG	FGA	FG-PCT	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TP	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN	
01	JOHNSON, Paul.....	f	3-6	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	28	
30	SMITH, Steven.....	f	8-9	0-0	0	0	1	5	6	1	3	12	3	2	30	
21	FADPFE, Lewis.....	c	2-4	0-0	0	0	2	4	6	0	4	1	1	0	13	
11	HARRIS, Darnell.....	g	7-14	-	2-2	0	2	2	15	1	2	1	1	1	25	
23	THOMAS, Jermaine.....	g	4-4	-	2-2	0	3	3	10	4	0	0	0	0	39	
03	DIAL, Sherman.....	g	1-3	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	15	
14	CUNNINGHAM, Tabby.....	g	1-3	0-0	0	0	2	2	3	2	4	0	3	0	26	
20	HEAL, Sean.....	g	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
42	ST. JOHN, Mike.....	g	2-6	-	2-3	2-3	2	4	3	8	1	0	0	0	26	
TEAM.....																
Totals.....		25	50	9-21	6-7	23	27	16	65	18	39	4	5	200		

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 13-27 48.1% 2nd Half: 12-23 52.2% Game: 50.0% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd Half: 4-10 40.0% Game: 42.9% REBS
F Throw 1st Half: 4-4 100% 2nd Half: 2-3 66.7% Game: 85.7% 1

HOME TEAM: George Washington (23-1, 13-0 A10)

#8	Player Name	FG	FGA	3-PT	3-PTA	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TOT	FF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
	WILLIAMS, Omar.....	f	3-6	-	-	1-2	3	4	7	3	7	4	3	0	1	0	29
	HALL, Mike.....	f	2-7	-	-	1-4	0	1	5	4	5	1	2	0	0	0	33
	MEDRAN-BENSI, Pops.....	f	4-6	0-0	0-0	2-2	1	3	0	10	0	1	0	0	0	1	35
	ANDERSON, Jermaine.....	g	4-9	-	-	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
	ELLIOTT, Carl.....	g	4-9	-	-	1-2	0	0	0	12	3	1	0	3	0	1	38
	DIGGS, Rob.....	g	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	23
	KIRBY, Alex.....	g	0-4	0-0	0	0	1	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	KOUNDIS, Regis.....	g	5-8	-	-	1-1	3-4	3	2	5	13	5	0	1	0	0	27
	WIDMORE, Noel.....	g	0-1	-	-	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	RICE, Maurice.....	g	5-10	0-0	0	1	1	1	12	2	1	0	1	20			
	TEAM.....																
	Totals.....		30-61	9-21	10-14	11	19	30	7	77	22	9	1	700			

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 12-30 40.0% 2nd Half: 18-31 58.1% Game: 49.2% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 2-9 22.2% 2nd Half: 5-11 45.5% Game: 35.0% REBS
F Throw 1st Half: 5-6 83.3% 2nd Half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 71.4% 3

Officials: Jeff Clark, Eugene Crawford Jr., John LaRocca

Technical fouls: La Salle-None. George Washington-HALL, Mike.

Attendance: 5000

Score by Periods

La Salle..... 1st 2nd Total
George Washington..... 31 48 79

Saint Louis at La Salle

Official Basketball Box Score - GAME TOTALS - FINAL STATISTICS
01/04/06 2:05 p.m. at Philadelphia, PA Tom Goia Arena

VISITORS: Saint Louis 16-12, 10-6 A-10

#8 Player Name	FG	FGA	3-PT	3-PTA	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TOT	FF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
32 MEYER, Luke.....	f	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	16	
15 VONSHORAS, Ian.....	c	5-11	0-0	0-0	3	3	3	2	13	2	2	1	0	0	29	
20 DREJAS, Anthony.....	g	3-7	2-4	3-5	0	1	1	2	11	2	1	0	3	25		
21 LISC, Kevin.....	g	2-7	-	-	1-4	0-0	0	0	5	5	2	1	0	0	30	
25 LIGOLD, Tommie.....	g	5-14	0-0	0-0	1	4	4	10	5	11	2	1	0	0	35	
09 POLK, Dwayne.....	g	0-4	0-2	0-0	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	8	
01 BROWN, Danny.....	g	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	14	
01 JOHNSON, Justin.....	g	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	15	
33 HEDBORN, Vas'Shun.....	g	3-6	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	2	6	2	0	0	0	1	16	
44 HUSAR, Bryce.....	g	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM.....																
Totals.....		20-58	4-14	8-16	10-21	31	23	52	12	7	1	5	200			

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 9-25 36.0% 2nd Half: 11-33 33.3% Game: 34.5% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 0-1 0.0% 2nd Half: 4-13 30.8% Game: 28.6% REBS
F Throw 1st Half: 4-4 100% 2nd Half: 4-10 40.0% Game: 50.0% 5

HOME TEAM: La Salle 18-9, 10-6 A-10

#	Player Name	FG	FGA	3-PT	3-PTA	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TOT	FF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
03	DIAL, Sherman.....	f	3-5	-	-	1-2	4	4	3	3	4	3	1	0	0	0	26
30	SMITH, Steven.....	f	10-21	-	-	1-5	5	4	2	14	16	2	2	0	0	0	29
21	PADRIFE, Lewis.....	c	2-2	0-0	0	4-5	3	4	7	4	4	0	0	2	0	0	22
11	HARRIS, Darnell.....	g	0-5	-	-	1-2	0	4	4	1	1	1	5	1	0	0	38
23	THOMAS, Jermaine.....	g	4-10	-	-	2-6	0-1	1	0	1	0	2	3	0	2	0	36
01	JOHNSON, Paul.....	g	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	4	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
14	CUNNINGHAM, Tabby.....	g	1-4	1-1	5-6	0	2	2	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
20	NEAL, Sean.....	g	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
42	ST. JOHN, Mike.....	g	1-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	18
TEAM.....																	
Totals.....			19-51	5-17	19-24	13	31	44	15	62	7	1	5	20	0	0	200

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 9-28 32.1% 2nd Half: 10-23 43.5% Game: 37.3% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 0-9 0.0% 2nd Half: 5-16 31.3% Game: 29.4% REBS
F Throw 1st Half: 4-5 80.0% 2nd Half: 15-19 78.5% Game: 79.2% 3

Officials: Frank Bordeaux, Kevin O'Connell, Rudy Seave

Technical fouls: Saint Louis-None. La Salle-None

Attendance: 1421

Score by Periods

Saint Louis..... 1st 2nd Total
La Salle..... 27 36 63

La Salle at Fordham

Official Basketball Box Score - GAME TOTALS - FINAL STATISTICS
03/01/06 7:30 PM at Bronx, NY - Rose Hill Gym

VISITORS: La Salle Explorers 17-9, 9-6 A-10

#8	Player Name	TOT-FG			3-PT			REBOUNDS									
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FG-PCT	PT-PTA	OF	DE	FT	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN			
01	JOHNSON, Paul.....	f	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	10	15		
30	SMITH, Steven.....	f	14-26	2-6	3-5	0	5	5	2	3	4	0	0	26	13		
21	PADRIFE, Lewis.....	c	5-9	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	13		
11	HARRIS, Darnell.....	g	4-9	2-6	0-0	0	0	0	5	10	2	1	0	0	36		
23	THOMAS, Jermaine.....	g	6-12	5-9	0-0	0	1	1	17	3	1	0	1	36	16		
03	DIAL, Sherman.....	g	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	13		
14	CUNNINGHAM, Tabby.....	g	3-4	0-1	1-1	0	2	2	7	0	3	0	3	19	19		
20	HEAL, Sean.....	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
42	ST. JOHN, Mike.....	g	2-4	1-1	2-2	5	10	4	7	0	1	0	4	31	21		
	TEAM.....																
TOTALS.....		29-59	10-24	6-8	17	25	21	74	11	0	2	13	200				

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 14-23 60.9% 2nd Half: 15-36 41.7% Game: 49.2% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 5-7 71.4% 2nd Half: 5-17 29.4% Game: 41.7% REBS
F Throw 1st Half: 3-3 100% 2nd Half: 3-5 60.0% Game: 75.0% 0.1

HOME TEAM: Fordham Rams 13-15, 6-7 A-10

#4 Player Name	FG	FGA	3-PT	3-PTA	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TOT	FF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
32 VITA, Nicholas.....	f	0-3	0-1	0-0	2	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	11	
31 TURBIDY, Tom.....	f	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3		
42 JONSTON, Bryant.....	g	8-13	-	-	3-5	3	3	8	2	4	0	1	1	1	35	
10 ANDERSON, Jermaine.....	g	5-8	-	-	2-3	2-4	0	2	14	4	2	0	0	0	34	
15 MCRAE, Corey.....	g	6-6	-	-	7-8	1	3	4	0	25	4	1	0	1	34	
01 STOUT, Marcus.....	g	1-5	-	-	1-1	4-4	0	6	6	1	7	1	5	0	23	
14 ANDERSON, Kevin.....	g	2-5	-	-	1-2	2-2	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	17	
21 BIRNH, Michael.....	g	3-5	-	-	2-3	0	0	0	0	3	8	1	1	0	26	
30 CREDE, Sebastian.....	g	1-2	0-1	0-1	0	5	5	4	7	2	0	0	0	0	16	
34 BLAINE, Dan.....	g	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06 BETHLE, Chris.....	g	1-1	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
TEAM.....																
Totals.....		26-48	13-22	18-26	8	24	32	14	83	18	1	1	400			

TOTAL FG 1st Half: 17-27 63.0% 2nd Half: 9-21 42.9% Game: 54.2% DEADS
3-PT FG 1st Half: 9-13 69.2% 2nd Half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 59.1% REBS
F Throw 1st Half: 4-5 80.0% 2nd Half: 14-21 66.7% Game: 69.2% 4

Officials: D.J. Carastenen, Brian O'Connell, Gary Prager

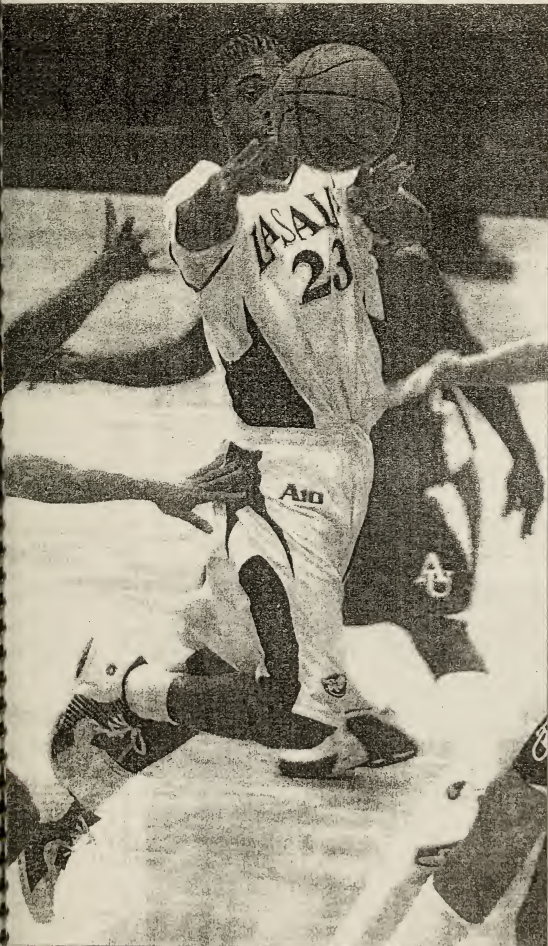
Technical fouls: La Salle Explorers-None. Fordham Rams-None.

Attendance: 2104

Score by Periods

La Salle Explorers..... 1st 2nd Total
Fordham Rams..... 36 38 74

McRae (FDR) scores Career-high 25 points.



La Salle's Jermaine Thomas was overlooked in preseason polls, but his passing, shooting, and ball control abilities make him a top player

On College Basketball By Mike Jensen

La Salle's secret weapon keeps game under control

The most underappreciated player in the Atlantic Ten wears No. 23 in a La Salle uniform.

Watching Jermaine Thomas' every move yesterday, looking for flaws, plays where he was out of position, times he hurt his team ... we're still looking.

Once the Explorers point guard, Thomas now mostly plays shooting guard, because that's where he's needed these days at the Tom Gola Arena. Yesterday, open teammates still got the ball, every time, as soon as they got open. Explorers star Steven Smith, in his fourth season playing with Thomas, got it right after their 75-63 victory over American when he was asked what happens when Thomas is off the court.

"We get a little more — don't take this wrong — a little more out of control," Smith said. "The game's a little more calm when Jermaine's in."

He meant sophomore point guard Tabby Cunningham, who had eight assists yesterday, shouldn't take it wrong.

"Tabby's a quick guard who can make plays," Smith said. "The game's that much faster with Tabby on the court. Seventy percent of the time it really works. But Tabby, he's going to learn when to play his game and when to slow it down. Jermaine knows."

So why doesn't everyone else? This year, the A-10 released a 10-player preseason all-conference first team and another 10-player second team, voted by coaches and the media. So it was really a first team, second team, third team and fourth team. No Thomas anywhere.

"Coach kind of brought that to my attention," Thomas said, saying that his coach, John Giannini, first gave him a little hug before delivering the news. "It just makes you a little more hungry."

"It may be ticking him off, but he's the type, he would never tell," said his father, Gregory Thomas, sitting a few rows behind La Salle's bench yesterday.

It's almost like some kind of misguided shorthand is applied to La Salle's team: Steven Smith is good, and everybody else got arrested and kicked out of school. At the least, there must be an assumption that because

Smith is the NBA prospect, the honorable-mention all-American — the guy who scored 31 points yesterday — there isn't any other talent on the Explorers roster.

Yet his 15.4 scoring average last season in Atlantic Ten play makes Thomas the fifth-leading returning scorer in the league. He tore a ligament in his left ring finger late last season. Maybe voters remember how that affected his play.

That's not it. In La Salle's last seven games after that injury, Thomas averaged 21.1 points a game, never scoring less than 18. In that same span, Smith averaged 18.1 a game.

And last season, Thomas — finally free of thyroid problems that plagued him for parts of two seasons and left him really depressed — had the fewest turnovers of any A-10 player who averaged at least 30 minutes a game in league play. And he averaged 36 minutes a game.

Yesterday was a pretty good day to evaluate Thomas, since he picked up two fouls in the first three minutes. (Once, his man got a step on him, and he fouled rather than give up the layup. Then a teammate allowed an American guard to drive. Thomas fouled rather than give up the layup.)

He played just eight minutes in the first half, was scoreless, and La Salle trailed by two. That calmness Smith was referring to was definitely missing.

Just over a minute into the second half, Thomas ran his man into a screen, then instead of running through it, Thomas cut straight back to a corner, losing the defender for good. He took a pass from Cunningham and drained a three-pointer, the first of his 14 second half points.

When Thomas had the ball and spotted Smith only drawing single coverage, he immediately lobbed Smith the ball.

He did whatever was called for without changing expression or wasting a step. We probably wouldn't have noticed if we weren't intentionally looking his way.

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Smith pushes La Salle past Drexel

By Ray Parrillo
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

It was midway through the second half, following a time-out and a brief chat with a referee, when the serene demeanor that La Salle's Steven Smith has brought to the basketball court for more than three superb seasons finally gave way to an expression of anger.

And that, in turn, meant trouble for Drexel.

When play resumed, the 6-foot-7 Smith made it clear he planned to show the Palestra crowd why he is an all-American candidate.

In a blink, he scored three baskets, uncharacteristically pumping his fists after each one, and went on to score 13 of his game-high 26 points in the final 8½ minutes as La Salle (4-0) pulled away from Drexel, 62-50, in the first game of yesterday's Big Five Classic doubleheader.

"I was getting a little frustrated," said Smith, who also pulled down 15 rebounds as the Explorers opened the season with four consecutive wins for the first time since they won their first five of the 1994-95 season. "I was getting beaten up in the post, which I should be used to, but I was letting it get to me at the time."

"Then we called a time-out, and I thought, the next time I get the ball, I'm going to do what I do and put the ball in the hole and not let anyone stop me, including the refs or the two, three defenders who were sticking me. This was my first Palestra win at La Salle and that just all came out in me. I try to keep a level head, but today I couldn't."

Smith and the Explorers had lost their 10 previous games at the Palestra and 12 straight against city rivals.

"I feel like we just beat a quality team," La Salle coach John Giannini said.

In a game that was tight until Smith decided to flex his muscle, 6-8 Frank



VICKI VALERIO / Inquirer Staff Photographer
Steven Smith jams the ball through the hoop under pressure from Drexel's Scott Rodgers. Smith scored a game-high 26 points for the Explorers.

Elegar (18 points, 13 rebounds) was dominating the second half for Drexel, scoring the Dragons' first 10 points after the break as they pulled within 40-39. Smith made it 46-41 with his third straight basket before Mike St. John drained a three-pointer. Smith dunked a teammate's missed shot, then later broke open the game with a flurry of five more points that made it 58-47.

The loss was the fifth straight for Drexel (3-5) and its third in a row to a city rival since the Dragons threw scares into No. 1 Duke and No. 16 UCLA in the NIT Season Tip-Off at Madison Square Garden. Yesterday's game was the eighth in 20 days for the Dragons, which has robbed them of some valuable practice time. Coach Bruiser Flint suspects his team may be a bit

spent, both physically and mentally.

"No question," Flint said when asked if his team is drained. "I think you can see we were a step behind. We've played eight games and they were eight emotional games. I don't know if we've been able to get to that emotional pitch. It's a young team and maybe I'm asking too much. But that's no excuse. You've still got to come ready to play."

Although the season is young, yesterday's win was further evidence of La Salle's progress since last season, which was Giannini's first. Most of last season, Giannini worked with seven scholarship players, yet the Explorers went 5-5 in the final 10 games. Smith and senior guard Jermaine Thomas are proven quality players. At 6-10, senior Lewis Fadipe gives them an active rebounder and defensive presence.

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La Salle 62, Drexel 50										
DREXEL	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	F	A	Pts			
Sanchez	24	2-7	0-0	2	2	2	4			
Crawford	23	1-5	0-0	6	4	0	2			
Elegar	35	0-0	2-3	13	3	0	18			
Mason	37	3-9	0-0	1	4	6	7			
Meja	34	4-12	0-0	1	1	6	9			
Hawthorne	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0			
Rodgers	23	3-6	0-0	4	3	1	8			
Ovenieke	20	1-5	0-0	0	0	0	2			
Stevenson	1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0			
Totals	200	22-61	2-3	29	17	15	50			
LA SALLE	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	F	A	Pts			
Johnson	25	3-9	0-0	4	2	1	6			
Smith	40	11-23	4-7	15	1	3	26			
Fadipe	11	1-3	1-2	4	0	4	3			
Cunningham	29	2-4	2-3	2	4	0	6			
Thomas	37	3-7	2-2	3	2	1	9			
Harris	29	1-6	0-0	2	1	1	3			
St. John	29	4-6	0-0	7	1	3	9			
Totals	200	25-58	9-14	37	14	10	62			

Halftime: La Salle, 35-27. **Three-point goals:** Drexel 4-14 (Sanchez 0-2, Mason 1-3, Meja 1-5, Rodgers 2-3, Ovenieke 0-1), La Salle 3-13 (Johnson 0-2, Smith 0-2, Cunningham 0-1, Thomas 1-2, Harris 1-4, St. John 1-2). **Team Rebounds:** Drexel 5, La Salle 5. **Turnovers:** Drexel 12, La Salle 13. **Blocked shots:** Drexel 5 (Crawford 4, Meja 1), La Salle 3 (Johnson 1, Fadipe 1, Cunningham 1). **Officials:** Jamie Luckie, Dyke Edsall and Dwayne Gladden.

La Salle making presence felt among city teams

By DICK JERARDI
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Consider the possibilities. If La Salle and Villanova win their next three games (both will be favored every time), they will each be 7-0 when they play on Dec. 22 at the Ski Lodge.

Of course, if that does come down, Villanova will be a very heavy favorite — for obvious reasons. La Salle is better than it has been in a while. Villanova is one of the best teams in the country. And there is this to consider:

La Salle's 62-50 win over Drexel in the first game of the Big 5 Classic on Saturday at the Palestra was its first over a city opponent in Steven Smith's career. La Salle has lost 12 consecutive Big 5 games and 13 straight against Big 5 opponents, including an Atlantic 10 Tournament loss to Saint Joseph's.

The Explorers (4-0) were in control most of the way against Drexel (3-5). La Salle shot 14-for-24 (58.3 percent) in the first half, but began the second half by missing 19 of its first 21 shots. The Drag-

ons closed to within a point. Then, Smith (26 points, 15 rebounds) hit three consecutive baskets as La Salle was on its way to hitting nine of its final 13 shots.

Drexel, which got 18 points and 13 rebounds from Frank Elegar, won its first three. It has now lost five straight — two to Duke and UCLA, three to city teams.

La Salle has won its first four for the first time since the 1994-95 season. No Explorers team has begun a season with seven consecutive wins since the great 1989-90 team, which finished 30-2 after winning its first eight.

Temple rallies to beat Penn

In the second game, Temple looked out of it in the first half against Penn, trailing by 12 with 5 minutes left. The Owls seemed to control the second half but still had to hold on at the finish to win, 50-46.

The Quakers (3-2) shot 55 percent in the first half and just 36.4 percent in the second. Temple (3-2) made just enough shots to get a lead and missed just enough late free throws to make it interesting. Even though it was in the Classic, it was far from a classic. Temple-Penn games rarely are be-

cause their styles sort of nullify each other.

Something missing

Without Saint Joseph's and Villanova, the Classic did not have the same cachet. Rather than play the nightcap as originally scheduled, those two went for the ESPN network exposure on Feb. 7.

One faithful correspondent was outraged by what he perceived as a sellout. Whatever you think, there is no question the Classic was not the same without 33 percent of the city's teams. ★

Explorers showing their program is on rebound

By **BOB COONEY**
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A year ago, it was "a program in critical condition," according to coach John Giannini.

It has, however, upgraded very quickly. From critical to serious — now stabilized and rapidly approaching "good." With its first 5-0 start since 1994, the La Salle basketball team seems to be on the cusp of something special.

"I don't think it's really surprising," junior forward Mike St. John said after a recent practice. "I think we knew we had it in us all along. But it's really a small step right now. We have a long season ahead of us so we really can't be satisfied. We have to concentrate on the things that got us wins in the first five games and help us with the 25 we have left."

Giannini couldn't have scripted St. John's response any better. Although the giddiness that accompanies a fast start, particularly for a program so knee-deep in controversy the past year and a half, is present, Giannini is doing his best to downplay the early success.

"It's great to have people excited about this team, but it is so incredibly early," Giannini said. "I mean, we're only one-sixth of the way through the season."

True, but the first five wins couldn't have played out any better. All five have been by double figures. They have won when star forward Steven Smith has dominated, as he does regularly. More impressive, they have won when Smith and fellow senior Jermaine Thomas both had off days, as was the case against James Madison last Sunday.

In that game, the two combined for just 17 points and shot 3-for-18 from the floor. Still, the Explorers semi-coasted to a 70-58 win. Their next test is Tuesday at home against Florida International.

A roster that really had just seven ser-

viceable players last season has grown to a solid rotation of eight, and will add another piece on Sunday at Central Connecticut State when freshman Marshall Taylor, a rugged 6-5 forward, becomes eligible after transferring from Siena.

"One of the neat things about them is that they are really good guys," Giannini said of his club. "Also, the pieces of this team fit together so well. Tabby [Cunningham] is an energetic point guard who can make things happen and be very disruptive on defense; Jermaine and Darnell [Harris] are great shooters and are very smart; Mike and Lewis [Fadipe] are good post defenders and rebounders. Paul Johnson gives us a wing who can run and slash and get defensive rebounds. Sherman [Diaz] gives us valuable minutes, and, of course, Steve is a terrific scorer and does so many things."

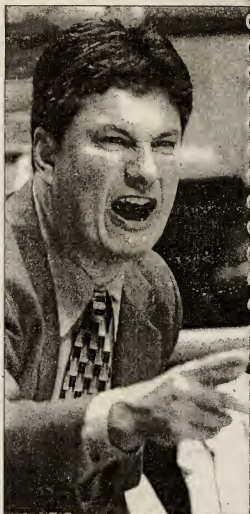
The improvement on the court is undeniable. And the wins have made this tight group even closer.

During a preseason practice, St. John was asked about an offseason foot injury. "I lost a little quickness because of it," said the 6-8, 250-pound St. John. This comment drew laughs from teammates, as St. John and quick are rarely joined. The fiery St. John fired a nasty look at teammates. "Mike doesn't like jokes about his quickness," Giannini explained.

During the recent practice, however, St. John joked to a reporter sitting courtside about how he had regained his quickness. Everyone got a good laugh. Including St. John.

Winning will do that to a person, a team, a program. The record is fine. But all believe it's nothing close to where they want to be.

"Our main goal was to see how good we could be, to see how much we could improve from last season and the seasons past," Smith said. "All we've done is started off the way we wanted to start off. But



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John Giannini has La Salle at 5-0.

that doesn't mean we're satisfied at all. We want to continue to improve."

And as the wins continue, the goals can come more into focus.

"We will always want to be in the NCAA Tournament," Giannini said. "Every team wants that. I think if you don't talk about getting to that level as a program, you're not trying to do something special. When that happens for us remains to be seen. But it's certainly something we look forward to at some point in the future."

"In the immediate sense, what's very important to our program is to break the 12-season losing streak. That's a very long time and that just needs to be broken before we look at anything else. That's the most important thing we can do." ★

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Replay helps Explorers win 4-overtime ordeal

Darrell Harris was awarded three foul shots at the buzzer. He made the final two, and La Salle remained undefeated.

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La Salle endured a marathon afternoon yesterday with a wild finish in which the tale of the TV tape helped the Explorers to a 107-106 victory over Central Connecticut State in four overtimes.

Sophomore 6-foot-1 guard Darrell Harris enabled La Salle (6-0) to stay unbeaten by making two of three foul shots with no time remaining in the fourth overtime in the nonconference game played in New Britain, Conn.

It was his to the dramatic finish by missing his second jump before making the next two free throws. The native of Baltimore was awarded his three opportunities after officials, who had ruled he was fouled, reviewed replays of the TV broadcast on CNN.

The game, which lasted almost

three hours, was the longest for La Salle. It was also the Blue Devils' longest since elevating to Division I competition.

"Four overtimes is rare enough," La Salle coach John Giannini said from the team bus traveling

back to Philadelphia last night. "But to have [so many] end-of-clock situations also involved is something I've never experienced."

The final frantic seconds in the fourth overtime began with Explorers senior Steven Smith's three-point shot at 106-105 with 6.6 seconds left to play.

Smith led the Explorers with a career-high 41 points and also grabbed 10 rebounds.

The Blue Devils' Javier Mejia was fouled on the ensuing possession and missed both free throws.

La Salle got the rebound and Harris raced down the floor, launching what appeared to be a three-pointer as the buzzer sounded.

The shot missed as the buzzer sounded, and for the second time into a celebration on the floor depicted over an apparent defeat.

But it was not over yet. The official, who made the call as the shot went up, then went to the monitor to determine whether the shot got off in time and whether it was launched from outside the arc.

The TV tape showed both things occurred, setting up Harris' heroics at the buzzer.

"It was spur of the moment," said Smith. "I was sure of it."

See **LA SALLE** on C4



Central Connecticut State's Oble Nwadike drives through the lane as La Salle's Darrell Harris (left) swipes at the ball during the marathon in New Britain.

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Explorers win in 4 overtimes

LA SALLE from C1
Harris, who scored 16 points. "I just tried to get up the best shot possible."

"I knew he fouled me. I just didn't know if the official was going to call it until I saw his hand up," Harris said.

Despite missing the first shot, Harris, who said he was involved in similar situations in high school, stayed focused.

"I know my teammates and coaches all love me, and I wasn't going to let them down," he said.

Paul Johnson also scored in double figures for La Salle with 13 points, and Jermaine Thomas and Marshall Taylor each added 10 points to the La Salle total.

Tristan Blackwood led five Central Connecticut players in double figures with 28 points and nine assists.

Smith's 41 points made him the first Explorer to surpass 40 since Feb. 23, 2002, when Rasual Butler scored 44 in a 77-64 triumph over Rhode Island in the Tom Gola Arena.

"It's the wildest game I ever played in," Smith said. "It was the longest I've ever played in my career. I was just exhausted at the end."

"I was shocked when I saw both teams leave the court at the end because I was next to him [Harris] and saw him get hit," Smith said. "Both teams played great, and they deserved to win as much as we did."

Giannini said he didn't see the final play clearly, but added, "people who did thought Harris got it."

"We're extremely fortunate to win. Many times you don't get that kind of call at the end, especially on the road," Giannini said. "He [the official] did the correct thing,

La Salle 107, Central Connecticut 106

La Salle	Pos	FG	FTA	R	F	A	Pts
Johnson	34	34	48	8	1	13	
Carroll	20	27	35	5	1	21	
Fabian	17	02	00	4	5	0	0
Thomas	37	12	22	3	3	2	28
Smith	36	17	27	44	30	3	41
Taylor	34	10	19	1	0	0	0
Diaz	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Harris	34	4	14	4	3	2	16
Neal	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	30	3	14	1	2	0	8
Total	106	107	177	29	24	18	107

C. Conn.	Pos	FG	FTA	R	F	A	Pts
Chen	30	8	22	5	1	3	21
Chen	32	5	11	8	13	4	0
Blackwood	32	11	18	3	3	0	28
Hickenbottom	32	5	11	7	4	5	0
Wright	34	6	12	8	2	1	17
Johnson	15	1	4	0	5	2	0
Johnson	25	2	4	0	3	4	4
Total	106	107	177	29	24	18	106

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Central Connecticut's Justin Chiera shoots over La Salle's Mike St. John during the four-overtime thriller. Chiera had 21 points.

The TV crew just knew questions were coming

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Central Connecticut State's players celebrated as they ran onto their home court, moments after Darnell Harris' last-second jumper fell short in the fourth overtime. La Salle's Steven Smith thought it was over, too, lying on the court in despair.

But the CN8 television crew knew there was still life left in this amazing game in New Britain, Conn. The whistle had been blown as Harris released the shot, but hardly anyone could tell as Central led, 106-105.

"The officials came to us," said CN8 play-by-play announcer Scott Graham. "Was it a three? Did the shot get off and was the call made before the clock had expired?"

"We asked the truck to run it back," Graham said. "Unfortunately, the main [TV] shot did not have the clock attached to it."

They couldn't go to the replay, so they had to find another angle, another camera.

"Everybody in the building is looking at the table," Graham said. "It got a little nuts."

While Graham talked on the air, color commentator Rob Kennedy was working the truck.

"When it happened in real time, the trail official made the call," Kennedy said. "He was right in front of us and we were the only people in the building who knew a foul was called. I said, 'I knew they'd be over in a few minutes.'"

The people in the truck found what they were looking for. A handheld camera at midcourt had the shot with the time left, one-tenth of a second, and the ball already out of Harris'

Great Explorations

La Salle's 107-106 four-overtime victory at Central Connecticut was one for the ages, led by Steven Smith's career-high 41 points.

■ The last La Salle player to score more than 40 points was Rasual Butler (44 points) against Rhode Island in a 77-64 win on Feb. 23, 2002.

■ It was the first-ever quadruple-overtime game for La Salle. The Explorers are 5-1 in their last six overtime games, including 4-1 last season.

■ The last time La Salle was involved in a game in which both teams broke the 100-point barrier was at Loyola Marymount in a 133-116 win on Dec. 31, 1990.

■ The last time La Salle won six straight — from Jan. 12 to Feb. 2, 1991.

■ The last 6-0 start: 1989-90, winning the first eight games on the way to 30-2 finish.

hands.

It was easy to tell that the shot was a three-point. "It was clear by about a foot, foot-and-a-half," Kennedy said.

Harris missed the first free throw, but nailed the last two for the incredible 107-106 victory. If the original shot was not a three-pointer, the game would have been tied again.

"And we'd still be there," Kennedy said.

It's Not Over Until ... It's Over/Over/Overtime

La Salle	38	28	6	11	14	—	107
Central Conn. St.	32	34	6	11	13	—	106

■ **Regulation:** La Salle's Steven Smith ties it at 66 with 37 seconds left. Central's Obie Nwadike misses a three-pointer with 3 seconds left.

■ **First overtime:** Jermaine Thomas' three with 3:51 left gives La Salle a 71-66 lead. Justin Chen's three ties it at 72 with 54 seconds left, but he misses a jumper with 1 second left. On the rebound, Javier Mojica misses at the buzzer.

■ **Second overtime:** Smith hits a three with 5:25 seconds left to tie it at 83. Chiera misses a long three at the buzzer.

■ **Third overtime:** Darnell Harris hits a three with 30 seconds left for a 93-91 lead. Mojica hits a jumper with 4.4 seconds left to tie it at 93. Inbounding the ball under Central's basket, La Salle calls a timeout. After seeing Smith's rebound and passes to Smith, who hits a three with 8.6 seconds left to make it 106-105. With 5.2 seconds left, Mojica is fouled, but he misses both free throws. Harris gets the rebound, breaks across midcourt and is fouled at buzzer. The referees go to instant replay to see whether the shot beats the clock and whether it came from behind the three-point arc. The television crew confirms both. Harris calls the first free throw but buries the next two for the 107-106 win.

■ **Fourth overtime:** Central leads, 106-102, with 38 seconds left as La Salle's Sherman Diaz and Sean Neal enter the game for the first time because Marshall Taylor fouls out and Jermaine Thomas goes down with an apparent knee injury. With 14 seconds left, Diaz gets under Smith's rebound and passes to Smith, who hits a three with 8.6 seconds left to make it 106-105. With 5.2 seconds left, Mojica is fouled, but he misses both free throws. Harris gets the rebound, breaks across midcourt and is fouled at buzzer. The referees go to instant replay to see whether the shot beats the clock and whether it came from behind the three-point arc. The television crew confirms both. Harris calls the first free throw but buries the next two for the 107-106 win.

Rough start, perfect ending for Explorers

By BOB COONEY
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It was all there for the taking. La Salle sitting at 6-0, its best start since the 1989-90 season.

Its opponent, Florida International, was ending a four-game road trip in which it lost the first three games (to George Washington, Notre Dame and Michigan State) by a total of 86 points. Also, FIU's leading scorer and rebounder, Ivan Almonte (147 points, 11.6 rebounds), was sidelined with a high right ankle sprain.

The Explorers were coming off a dramatic four-overtime win on Sunday at Central Connecticut State, a victory that captured some national attention and the hearts of many.

A 7-0 start seemed inevitable. Then La Salle took the floor for the first half.

All the ingredients of a tried team were on display: Fouls after missed foul shots, leaving their feet on pump fakes at the defensive end, getting outstretched for rebounds. Those all led to the Explorers digging themselves into a 16-point deficit.

But after coach John Giannini blasted his team in the locker room, the Explorers fought and clawed and somehow willed their way to a 70-61 overtime win at Tom Gola Arena last night in front of a boisterous crowd.

Almost as suddenly as a broken shoelace, Giannini has turned this program around. A winning season for the first time since 1992-93 seemed likely.

"I think it was a very difficult game to go into," said Giannini, who is now 5-1 in overtime in his one-plus seasons with the team. "No one that I spoke with since the Central Connecticut game talked about Florida International. All anyone wanted to talk about was Central Connecticut and Villanova [tomorrow night's opponent]. I thought we looked exhausted at the beginning of the game. And I thought we weren't focused."

Both of those lopsided helped the Golden Panthers race to a 39-23 lead at the break. La Salle's inefficiency allowed FIU to make 11 of its first 16 shots, 16 of 29 (55 percent) overall and 6 of 11 from beyond the arc.

Then came the blistering half-time speech.

"Oh, coach was really pissed off," said reserve Sherman Diaz, who scored a career-high 11 points in 21 minutes, none coming in the first half. "Coach let us know how sloppy we played, and we knew it. It wasn't the way we play. We knew that. He told me to be ready, and I was."

Diaz scored the first four points of a 8-0 run to begin the half and gave the team an energetic boost no one provided before the break. Two straight tough inside baskets by Steve Smith (16 points) pulled the Explorers to 47-40 with 11 minutes, 2 seconds remaining in the game.

FIU increased the lead back to eight, at 53-45, with 6:55 remaining when Smith committed his fourth foul and Chris Fuller canned one of two from the line. Smith found himself on the bench.

But somehow, without their star player, the Explorers reeled off a 9-0 run, highlighted by two treys from Jermaine Thomas (13 points, including his career 1,000th), to take a 54-53 lead.

"When Steve's not in the game, we know that we have other weapons in Jermaine and Darnell [Harris, 12 points] and Sherman," said Mike St. John, who collected 13 points and 12 rebounds. "We know we all have to produce when he's not there."

Smith, however, did return and his layup off a Thomas feed with 32 seconds remaining tied the game at 59-59. La Salle held off FIU's final attempt and overtime, yet again, was at hand.

La Salle owed the extra time, with Diaz contributing six of his team's 11 points in the period, and the Explorers were allowed to



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Sherman Diaz (left) and Darnell Harris picked up the slack for La Salle, combining for 23 points.

start thinking about tomorrow night's matchup with the 7-0 and third-ranked Wildcats.

"It's hard to believe where we are now, at 7-0, after where this team has been," Smith said. "But it's also not hard to believe because of all the hard work the players and coaches have put in."

And it's all led to this amazing and almost unimaginable start. And tomorrow night at the Pavilion, for the first time in Big Five history, two 7-0 Big Five teams will play each other.

"I haven't started to think about Villanova yet," said Giannini. "I don't look ahead."

No doubt he started early today. *

DREAM MATCHUP

Tomorrow, two 7-0 Big Five teams will meet for the first time ever when surprising La Salle visits Villanova. The previous best undefeated matchup was a December, 1981 meeting of Temple and Villanova, both 6-0.

Below are the best combined pre-game winning percentages for games involving Big 5 teams (minimum: 3 games played each) since the formation of the Big 5.

Date	W-L	Pct.	Team (W-L)	Team (W-L)	Winner	Score
Dec. 22, 2005	14-0	1.000	La Salle (2-0)	Villanova (7-0)	-	-
Dec. 13, 1981	12-0	1.000	Temple (6-0)	Villanova (6-0)	Temple	52-48
Dec. 13, 1970	9-0	1.000	La Salle (5-0)	Penn (4-0)	Penn.	107-89
Dec. 20, 1969	8-0	1.000	Prins (5-0)	Villanova (3-0)	Penn.	35-36
Dec. 12, 1981	7-0	1.000	Villanova (4-0)	Penn (3-0)	Villanova	75-61
Feb. 6, 1969	25-3	.887	La Salle (17-1)	Villanova (14-2)	La Salle	76-67
Dec. 16, 1982	21-2	.913	Villanova (12-1)	Bernie (9-1)	Villanova	65-53
Feb. 21, 1960	18-1	.947	Penn (8-0)	Bernie (5-1)	Bernie	72-58
Feb. 26, 1965	29-4	.875	East Carolina (22-1)	Villanova (11-3)	SJU	69-61
Jan. 23, 1971	29-3	.903	Penn (14-0)	Villanova (14-2)	Penn.	79-79
Dec. 30, 1965	18-2	.892	Saint Joseph's (9-2)	Bernie (8-0)	SJU	81-65
Jan. 16, 1978	18-2	.900	Bernie (11-0)	Penn (7-2)	Penn.	79-74
Nov. 30, 1989	1-1	.500	Villanova (5-5)	La Salle (4-1)	SJU (1 of 14)	63-63
2/24/03, 10/11/04	.858	.858	Penn (8-0)	Villanova (12-6)	Villanova	30-47

*Quaker City Tournament BFF game, **NCAA Tournament game.

—Bob Vecrone Jr.

St. Francis feels La Salle's wrath

By Ray Parrillo
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When last seen a week ago, the La Salle Explorers were teetering on weary legs while taking a 41-point beating from third-ranked Villanova. It was a City Series loss that brought their surprising 7-0 start to an

The question for La Salle followers was whether the dumping on the Main Line had summoned some of the confidence-seeking Explorers had established during their early-season run. La Salle provided an emphatic answer last night at Tom Goss Arena, taking apart every last matched St. Francis (par. 85-55) for its most lopsided victory since an 80-49 win at Xavier on Jan. 23, 2000.

"We had long losing streaks last year, and we didn't lose our confidence," coach John Giannini said after the Explorers raised

"I was just hoping we would do the other things we'd want to do," says Wans. "Like this means you're moving in the right direction relative to the competition."

"We never lost our confidence," added 6-foot-7 senior Steven Smith, who scored 14 points to go with five rebounds, four assists and six turnovers.

The Explorers started quick with Smith and freshman Pat Johnson doing most of the ear damage. Johnson, a versatile 6-6 freshman who gives the Explorers the kind of depth that was sorely lacking last season,

made 5 of 5 shots for his points, all in the first half. played 17 minutes before injuring his left elbow but should be ready for tomorrow's game against Holstira.

The Red Flash (2-8), who lost their sixth straight game, fell third to an Atlantic Ten team, the full dose of Smith in the first 15 minutes as he played a part

seven of La Salle's first 10 baskets. He scored on a pair of dunk, three-point shot, and a jump shot. Smith also assisted on three baskets, and La Salle was in the

33-21, when Giannini took him after his second foul.

La Salle 85, St. Francis 55

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J.R. Enright, a burly 250-pound transfer from Nebraska. He had 17 points in the first half, shooting 8 for 15 with an array

But La Salle adjusted, valiantly taking Enright out of the game with strong post defense.

"I really thought the dis-

ously, their big man had a tremendous first half. He pressed much did it all. I thought he

With Enright surrounded by no one else for St. Francis' sake

La Salle went on a 35-6 tear rolled to a 76-40 lead. The Explorers finished with 17 steals

Got 33 points off turnovers. First St. John had five steals, and 1 in net Harris, who shot 4 for 12 points, had four.

"I thought it was a great win," Giannini said.

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Giannini feeling right at home with Explorers

By BOB COONEY

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JOHN GIANNINI couldn't have been happier with his personal life while the head coach for 8 years at the University of Maine.

"We [he and his wife, Donna] were unbelievably happy there," he said after a recent practice. "We had a beautiful house on a beautiful lake — and I like to fish. It would be like a golfer living on Pebble Beach. I was really happy."

So what in God's name made him decide to take over the La Salle program in August 2004? It was a program that hadn't had a winning season since 1992-93 and was mired in controversy.

"Professionally, there was a lot of things that I couldn't do at Maine that were possible at La Salle and the Atlantic 10," said Giannini, 63. "I was excited about that. And coming back to the area does feel very much like coming home to Donna and me."

The Explorers, who play Rhode Island at 4 today at Tom Gola Arena, are off to a 10-4 start, which has spread optimism like wildfire at the 20th and Olney campus.

Giannini's coaching career took off in this area, when he won the Division III national championship in 1996, in his seventh and final season at Rowan in Glassboro, N.J. He parlayed that into the Maine job, where basketball is by far the second sport behind hockey.

Both of those jobs, he says, prepared him for the challenge that he now faces.

"Rowan turned out to be a gold mine. Frankly, we had players far better than the Division III level," he said. "I would have stayed there for 25 years and been happy, but the opportunity at Maine was too good to pass up. There were recruiting challenges there, but we were able to get players far better than the American East level."

"I could have stayed there for

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Who: Rhode Island (8-6, 2-2 Atlantic 10) at La Salle (10-4, 2-2, 7 o'clock)
Where: Tom Gola Arena
TV/Radio: None/ESPN (920 AM).

Who: Temple (8-6, 2-2 Atlantic 10) at Dayton (8-9, 0-3).
When: 7 o'clock
Where: Dayton Arena
TV/Radio: None/WPHT (1210 AM).

25 years and been happy. And then La Salle happened. And there's challenges here. But I could also see myself staying here for 25 years and being happy. The challenges are what drives a coach to always do a better job.

"Here, it means we have to recruit well. That means not settling. That means not taking players just to take players. I won't do that. Recruiting is important and I work hard at it because you have to stick with it until you get the right players. As long as we do that and we don't settle, we'll have the kind of roster we want and we'll be fine. Mathematically, that will take several years."

Don't confuse his comments as patience. His sideline antics and outbursts plainly show Giannini's desire to win. He loves the kids he has on the team now, and does everything possible to teach them how to win. But the fact remains that only two players, freshmen Paul Johnson and Marshall Taylor, were brought in on scholarships by Giannini. The others were recruited by the previous coaching staff. It's like trying to fit pieces from one puzzle into another.

"Anyone who would have been in the position he was in, getting hired at the end of the summer and then trying to coach a team that he hardly knew — would find it tough," senior forward Steven Smith said. "In the first half of



John Giannini has helped turn around La Salle's basketball program. The Explorers are 10-4.

last season we [the team and coach] got to know each other, and then in the second half, he knew what he had and he could really coach us better.

"We finished 5-5 the last 10 games. That alone shows what a good coach he is."

Coaching has been in Giannini's blood since his playing days were over at Division III North Central College in Naperville, Ill. He originally planned to be a coach and a teacher at the Division III level.

"That's why I went to get my doctorate at Illinois," he said. He served as a graduate assistant for Illini coach Lou Henson for 2 years, and the team went to the Final Four in 1989. He earned a doctorate in kinesiology with a specialization in sports psychology from Illinois in 1992.

He is a stickler for detail. Rarely does anything go unnoticed.

There are no throw-away responses or questions. Everything with him has to be settled the right way.

"His attention to detail is what wins games," La Salle assistant coach Ashley Howard said. "Things that other people don't pay attention to, he does. He is brutally honest and can be very critical, but that's because now his players have shown him they can play at a certain level. And he expects them to be at their highest level the time."

His plan is to field a team of long, athletic players, and he has gotten commitments for next year from five players who fit just that mold.

"You can't win at this level with small guards and a small front-line," he said. "It's going to be hard for us to recruit big men ready to play at a high level. And if you don't have big men ready to play at a high level, you really

can't have small guards. I really think that the versatile, midsize, athletic player is what we can realistically recruit."

"In the long run, when we have a roster like that it can also create a unique style of play. When a program doesn't have all the advantages, sometimes being a little bit different helps. Temple is a unique team to play against. George Washington is a unique team to play against. West Virginia is a unique team to play against. I want to recruit players who are ready to contribute and create a style of play that can be effective and hard to play against."

The plan is in place, and so is the coach and his family.

"This does feel very much like coming home to Donna and me," he reiterated. "We've spent more time in this area than in any other place. This has become our home." ■

Senior moments help La Salle snap skid

By BOB COONEY
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The eyes of the La Salle basketball team, filled with such optimism during a 10-2 start, lately had taken more frustrating rolls than a bad-luck craps shooter.

Five straight losses will do that to a team and its coaches.

Seniors Jermaine Thomas and Steven Smith have been through a lot of tough times in their 4 years at 20th and Olney. While bad, a five-game losing streak is not a character-breaker. Yesterday, they carried the Explorers to a 68-61, Atlantic 10 victory over Massachusetts in front of a hearty Tom Gola Arena crowd of 3,132.

The win improved La Salle to 11-7, 3-4 in the conference. UMass, which had won four of six, fell to 9-8, 4-3.

"Steve and I talked a lot earlier this week," said Thomas, who had 19 points, six rebounds, five assists and four steals. "We've been around each other a lot and we decided we're the seniors, so we've got to turn this thing around. We knew we had to lead by example and we took the losing streak personally."

The worth of the two players was in plain sight yesterday. After giving the Explorers a 3-2 lead on a trey from the right wing, Smith fell to the floor, tweaking an already-sore right ankle. He sat for the next 3 minutes while the ankle was retaped.

La Salle's possessions during those 3 minutes went air ball, missed jumper, blocked shot, missed three-pointer, turnover, missed jumper, turnover. The Explorers fell behind 9-3.

Following Smith's return, the Explorers scored 12 straight points (six by Smith, five by Thomas) and never trailed again.

"Losing five games in a row, things were pretty much out in the open, nothing needed to be said that coach [John Giannini] hadn't already addressed after the losses," said Smith (24 points, nine rebounds and four assists). "We just had to go out and respond, we had to go out and stop talking and go out and try to play the perfect game. You can't play the perfect game, obviously, but you can try to play a game as perfect as you can."

Massachusetts doesn't allow teams to come anywhere close to playing perfectly. Don't forget, this is the team that held Temple

to 34 points on Jan. 21. Before yesterday, it was holding A-10 opponents to only 54 points a game. La Salle solved that problem. The 68 points it scored were the most given up by UMass in seven games.

But even more impressive was La Salle's defense, which concentrated on shutting down the inside scoring of Rashawn Freeman and Stephane Lasme, and keyed on getting a hand on sniper Jeff Viggiano.

Constant double-teams limited Freeman (11) and Lasme (13) to 24 points, while Viggiano missed all six field goal attempts and had just one point.

"When your point guard [Chris Lowe] shoots 16 shots and your wing shooter doesn't make any, I don't care who you're playing, it's hard to win," said Minutemen coach Travis Ford. "La Salle did a wonderful job of doubling our guys down low and taking away our outside shooting."

Still, when UMass employed a 1-3-1 halfcourt trapping defense midway through the second half, it quickly chopped a 10-point deficit to 59-56 with 2 minutes, 26 seconds left on a driving 5-footer by Lowe.

But Thomas hit a 10-footer with 1:51 left, and he and Smith finished the scoring from the foul line as La Salle surpassed its win total of each of the last two seasons.

The Explorers also got a boost from guard Darnell Harris, who made four of seven three-point attempts and contributed 14 points.

"The frustration of the losing streak is a cancerous type of thing," said Thomas, sporting an ice bag on his right hip after a nasty fall late in the game. "If you see one person getting real upset, everyone else kind of does it. Steve and I had to make sure that everyone stayed focused and concentrated on playing La Salle basketball."

Which, according to Giannini, shouldn't have been too hard.

"Steve just had a really gutsy performance," he said. "Darnell and Jermaine played very well, and we need that balance. This team has been through far worse than five losses. These guys are going to be successes in life because

they've just handled everything that's come their way."

Maybe not as well as the coach thinks, according to Thomas.

"I hate losing one in a row, for-

get about five," he said. "That's just me, I hate to lose."

He and his fellow senior made sure it didn't happen a sixth straight time. ★

La Salle gets a little pregame help en route to win over Dukes

By COLIN DUNLAP

For the Daily News

PITTSBURGH — Perhaps the biggest turning point for La Salle team happened here yesterday afternoon, in the shadows of a downtown Pittsburgh inside a Duquesne dormitory.

That's when 6-8 Duquesne senior center Keith Gayden, who had averaged 16 points the previous three Dukes' outings, stumbled and injured his left wrist.

The injury forced Gayden into a cameo role as he played just 9 minutes and opened up the post for La Salle, leading to a 75-66 win for the Explorers in front of 1,332 fans at the A.J. Palmucci Center. "That really hurt Duquesne,"

La Salle coach John Giannini said. "They have been through so many hardships and I just couldn't believe it when I saw Gayden hurt because he had been playing well. That was a huge factor."

It was more than that — it was the overriding factor.

La Salle improved to 12-7 overall and evened its Atlantic 10 mark at 4-4. Duquesne's woes continued, with the Dukes (3-16, 1-7 A-10) stumbling for the 10th time in 11 games.

La Salle was led by Jeremiah Thomas, who poured in a frame-high 20 points, and Darnell Harris, who had 12. Duquesne did well to limit Steven Smith to 11 points, but La Salle scored 22 points off

the bench — something the Dukes could not counter.

"I thought we did a nice job on Smith," Duquesne coach Danny Nee said. "They have a multipointed attack and we saw that. Other people stepped up for them."

That's because they knew they needed to.

"We know everyone is going to do all they can to stop [Smith]," Harris said. "Because of that, I feel like I have to raise my level of play all the time."

La Salle sprung to an 8-2 lead with Harris' scoring six quick points in the first 2:37.

The Dukes, plagued by a shooting percentage in the high-teens through much of the first 12 minutes, fell behind by as many as 12

in the first half. La Salle's balance on offense also didn't help Nee's team. Seven Explorers scored before halftime and that balance was complemented by a 23-16 first-half rebounding edge, giving La Salle a 41-25 advantage at the break.

By contrast, Duquesne didn't get much output in the first half outside of guard Bryant McAllister, who had 11 points in the first 18 minutes and 20 total for a team that dressed just nine able bodies.

Freshman Paul Johnson, who finished with nine points for the Explorers, quelled any remaining hopes Duquesne had when he stole a lazy thrown pass near midcourt and turned it into a one-

handed, breakaway dunk to put La Salle ahead, 67-55, with 3½ minutes left.

Pittsburgh is a town enveloped by the Steelers' impending trip to Super Bowl XL, with the interest in Pitt's No. 9-ranked basketball team running second and the hula-hoos around NHL rookie phenom Sidney Crosby also near the top of the interest meter. All of that has laden Duquesne's once-traditional program an afterthought, as sparse crowds have shown.

Nonetheless, La Salle notched a much-needed win and might just have bounced back fully from one of the schedule's toughest stretches as the squad heads into a key Big 5 matchup with Temple on Saturday. ★

La Salle seals a City Series victory for seniors

By Mike Jensen
INQUIRY STAFF WRITER

La Salle star Steven Smith could sense the play's outcome before the basketball ever arrived. A pass was just getting to a teammate as Smith, about 10 feet away in the left corner, yelled, "Give me the ball!"

When it arrived before any Temple defender, and Smith had deposited yet another three-pointers, the Explorers were a step closer to avoiding a nasty piece of Big Five history.

The Explorers held on for a 62-56 victory over the Owls yesterday at Tom Gola Arena, and they had their first City Series victory since 2002. That meant the current group of La Salle seniors won't become the first Big Five class to go through four years of full round-robin City Series play without one.

This is a great win for many reasons," coach John Giamini said. "But all those reasons are secondary to having our seniors get a Big Five win."

Just when the Owls were starting to make people believe they could be NCAA tournament contenders, they hit the road and landed in another pothole. Temple dropped to 12-8 overall, 5-4 in the Atlantic Ten, and 1-3 in the Big Five. The Owls are 4-7 away from the Iacovou Center.

"This is not a good team, coach John Chaney said of his own group, as he credited La Salle's passing and shooting. "There were no stops in us."

The last time La Salle won a Big Five game was Feb. 13,

La Salle 62, Temple 56

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Halftime: La Salle 30-27. **Three-point goals:** Temple 3-23 (Robinson 0-6, Salisbury 2-7, Tyndale 0-3, Collins 0-3, Clark 0-1, Christmas 1-3), La Salle 14-22 (Johnson 0-2, Smith 5-7, Harris 5-12, Thomas 3-4, St. John 1-3). **Team rebounds:** Temple 3, La Salle 3. **Turnovers:** Temple 7, La Salle 13. **Blocked shots:** Temple 0, La Salle 1. **Officials:** Ron Tyburski, Dennis Arneillo, Curtis Blair. **Attendance:** 4,000.

2002, against Temple. The Explorers knocked the Owls out of the A-10 tournament later that season. La Salle went 0-2 in official Big Five play from 1993-94 to 1996-97 and was winless against Big Five opponents in those years, but there was no full round-robin at the time.

Throughout, La Salle (13-7, 5-4) exploited Temple's zone, getting into the heart of it and then swinging the ball out, mostly to the corners. The Explorers tied a season high with 14 three-pointers in just 28 attempts. Darnell Harris (19 points) made five threes in 12 tries. Smith (21 points) had a career-high five in just seven attempts.

It was a big part of La Salle's game plan to get Smith to the

corners as often as possible.

The Explorers understood that he had never done much damage inside against Temple. And this game wasn't going to be won on the run. Neither team had a single fastbreak point.

Owls star Mardy Collins (17 points), held without a field goal and to just three shots in the first half, had to muscle in four of his points as he worked Temple back into the game.

After treating by 58-50 with four minutes to go, the Owls had thirteen chances. Temple got to 58-56 with two minutes left when Harris missed a shot in the lane. But it was Smith who got to the loose ball. Flipping Temple's defender's were off balance, he didn't worry about making a basket as much as just getting a shot. He got fouled and sank two free throws for a 60-56 lead with 1 minute, 18 seconds left.

At the other end, Ovis center Wayne Marshall, setting a screen for Anywane Robinson, was whistled for knocking down Smith. As the whistle was being blown, Robinson was hitting his first three-pointer of the game, which would have cut La Salle's lead to a point with 22 seconds left, before it was waved off.

"He stepped over just more than he really needed to," Smith said of his collision with Marshall. "He's a big boy. I really didn't flop. He really knocked me off my feet ... Luckily, the ref saw it, and you know the rest."

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Mass-ive achievements for Explorers

By MIKE SCANDURA
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AMHERST, Mass.—For the La Salle Explorers, it was about a night of streak-snapping.

With their 65-44 victory at Mass. State on Feb. 15, the Explorers snapped a 10-game losing streak and broke the hosts' 12-game win streak at the Mullins Center.

Darnell Harris scored 12 of his team-high 14 points in the added minutes of the game, and pulled away. Harris buried a trio of three-point shots and scored off his own steal as La Salle blew

out to a 44-23 lead about 8 minutes into the second half.

Then James Life scored 18 consecutive Muntemmen points, including three consecutive threes. Life's third try pulled the Explorers within 46-41 with 1:54 remaining.

La Salle applied a tournament and stopped the bleeding when Marshall Taylor dropped in a layup and St. John buried a foul shot just before the half. La Salle closed out its fourth win in a row with a 19-13 run.

"We've been in this situation before, in past games," Harris said of Life's spurge. Coach John Smith just told us to keep our

poise and every team goes on a run. But it's up to us to keep our poise and come back and hit them

with another run. Harris and Life called a try for the Explorers' last points of the game. La Salle reeled off 16 consecutive points, including a pair of threes by St. John.

A native of Northboro, Mass., about 12 miles from St. John, Marshall Taylor is the son of several family members and friends.

"It was great coming back home," St. John said. "I knew I'd score 12 points, but I just didn't have 1 just way too nervous and I pumped myself up way

too much. Nerves were a big factor in that game and they were a little bit in the beginning of this game."

"I was pressing a little bit. But the coaches sat me down and talked to me and said, 'La, the game come to you. That's what I tried to do for the rest of the game.'"

What La Salle had to do for much of the game was play with minimal contributions from A-10 scoring leader Steven Smith.

Smith finished with 10 points in the second half, his season average. Moreover Smith drew his fourth foul with 14:29 remaining and played only 27 minutes. He was

TONIGHT'S GAME

Who/Drew 12/12, 6-7 Cornell
Athletic Association vs.
Northwestern 12/16, 4-40
Where/Dartmouth Athletic
Center
TV/Radio/None WNP
(9:30-10:00)

on the bench when Life went on his scoring streak.

"Steve's a great player," Guarnini said. "We could not be nearly as successful as we've been without Steve. That's completely obvious to everybody. It's not like a player like Villaseca or win in a conference like the Atlantic 10."

"I'm just so proud because I've been able to see how this team has grown since November 1991. At that time, we were 1-10 and we had never played in a college game. Mike St. John had 1 year of experience but was nowhere near where he is today. I've just seen these guys grow into good players and a spreading 10-10 team. I'm really proud and a testament to their character."

La Salle's inability to rebound at both ends of the court was the Muntemmen's ability to score as the Explorers were unable to stop them. Villaseca scored 12 points for as UNLass bolted to a 32-7 lead. But a tip-in by Lewis Fudge ignited a run during which the Explorers outscored the Muntemmen 15-2 and built their biggest lead of the half, 22-10, with 4:41 remaining.

Brendan Thomas' try snuffed La Salle's run, but St. John drained a tray and scored off his own steal before Thomas sank both ends of a one-and-one to put UNLass within 27-22 with 1:54 remaining.

La Salle was able to stretch its lead in the second half by shooting much better (53.8 percent vs. 28.5 percent) and limiting UNLass to 33.5 percent for the game and a season-point total. The Explorers shot 45-33 from the battle of the boards.

"Our actions speak louder than anything that I can say," Guarnini said. "We made big shots, which was huge. We shot the ball well."

La Salle dumps Xavier, clinches winning season

It's been 13 years since the Explorers' last one. Steven Smith led the way with 23 points.

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CINCINNATI — Steven Smith scored 23 points yesterday, and La Salle held on for a 79-70 victory over Xavier at the Cintas Center to clinch its first winning season in 13 years.

It was the fifth consecutive win for the Explorers (15-7, 7-4 Atlantic Ten Conference).

"Obviously, a tremendous win against a strong opponent in a tough place," La Salle coach John Giannini said.

"Lots of firsts today," Giannini said. "It's our fourth road win in the A-10 — last year we set a school record with three. It's our first win in the Cintas Center in the six years it's been open."

Senior forward Brian Thornton, who leads Xavier (14-7, 5-5) in scoring and rebounding, broke his right ankle while go-

La Salle 79, Xavier 70

LA SALLE	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	F	A	Pts
Johnson	24	1-4	4-5	4	3	0	6
Smith	36	8-19	6-6	11	3	5	23
Fadiga	12	1-2	1-2	5	3	0	3
Harris	34	7-14	1-2	6	3	3	18
Thomas	39	4-8	7-8	8	2	6	18
Taylor	20	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	2
Diaz	6	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	2
Neal	1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
St. John	28	2-3	1-2	9	4	1	7
Totals	200	25-56	20-25	43	20	17	79

XAVIER	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	F	A	Pts
Cage	32	2-4	5-7	5	5	1	9
Doellman	26	0-6	2-4	8	5	1	2
Thornton	10	2-2	4-4	1	0	2	8
Finn	34	3-7	1-3	4	0	2	9
Burrell	37	7-19	0-0	2	3	5	15
Duncan	25	4-10	2-2	4	2	2	13
Raymond	9	1-4	3-4	1	1	0	5
Wolf	5	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Cole	4	0-1	2-2	1	0	0	2
Caudie	18	3-6	1-2	2	3	0	7
Totals	200	22-60	20-28	28	19	13	70

Halftime: La Salle, 40-34. **Three-point goals:** La Salle (9-19): Thomas 3-4, Harris 3-7, St. John 2-2; Smith 1-3, Diaz 0-1, Taylor 0-1, Johnson 0-1; Xavier (6-26): Duncan 3-8, Finn 2-5, Burrell 1-7, Wolf 0-1, Raymond 0-2, Doellman 0-3. **Team Rebounds:** La Salle 1, Xavier 3. **Turnovers:** La Salle 17, Xavier 9. **Blocked shots:** La Salle (3): Smith 2, Diaz 1; Xavier (8): Thornton 2, Doellman 2, Caudie 1, Raymond 1, Duncan 1, Finn 1. **Officials:** Earl Walton, Fran Connolly and Tracy Woodson. **Attendance:** 10,038.

ing for a loose ball with 7 minutes, 35 seconds left in the first half. Coach Sean Miller said Thornton, who has been the conference's player of the week four times, will miss the rest of

the season.

When Thornton went out, Xavier fell behind and never caught up. There were seven lead changes in the first half, but La Salle took advantage of Thornton's absence and pulled ahead, 58-43, on Darnell Harris' three-pointer midway through the second half.

Stanley Burrell led Xavier with 15 points.

He scored eight consecutive points for the Musketeers during a 10-3 run that cut the lead to 67-65 with four minutes to play. Xavier got the ball back with a chance to pull ahead, but Justin Doellman's three-pointer rimmed out.

Smith made a pair of free throws to stop the comeback and went 6 for 6 from the line in the closing minutes. Smith also had a game-high 11 rebounds for La Salle, which dominated the boards, 44-31. It was Smith's sixth double-double of the season. Harris and Jermaine Thomas added 18 points apiece for the Explorers.

Win-happy Explorers aim to exploit success

By Ray Parrillo
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

It's understandable if followers of La Salle basketball are rubbing their eyes after looking at the Atlantic Ten Conference standings these days, suspecting they must be upside down.

But there's no mistake. The Explorers are fourth in the 14-team league with a 7-4 record. And at 15-7 overall, they have more wins than any A-10 team except the conference heavyweight, seventh-ranked George Washington. They have assured themselves a winning season for the first time since going 14-13 in 1992-93.

La Salle, which started the season having won only 33 percent of its A-10 games since joining the league for the 1995-96 season, has never had a winning record in league play. But it legitimized its turnaround last week by defeating Massachusetts and Xavier on the road, and will take a five-game winning streak into tonight's game against St. Bonaventure at Tom Gola Arena. One of those wins came against Temple, La Salle's first over a city rival in four seasons.

If they stay in the top four, the Explorers will draw a bye in the first round of the conference tournament, which begins March 8 in Cincinnati, and could be headed for the NIT.

Before the season, second-year coach John Giannini said the return of star forward Steven Smith could help the team build a bridge to the future by helping dispel the culture of losing that had gripped the program. Smith returned after declaring for the NBA draft.

Well, it appears the bridge has been built. Now, the question is: Where will it lead?

Today's Games

Men's Basketball

■ Drexel at George Mason, 7 p.m.

Radio: WNTX-AM (990).

■ St. Bonaventure at La Salle, 7 p.m.

Radio: WPHY-AM (920).

What impact will a successful season have on next year's team, which won't have Smith or guard Jermaine Thomas, La Salle's two best players, but will bring in five new players — four promising recruits from successful high school programs and a transfer from Providence in DeSean White?

"Anytime a program is having success, kids come in a little bit more enthusiastically and positively and end up listening a little better immediately," Giannini said. "I think you can say they'll come in thinking, 'Hey, these guys have something good going and I better listen.'"

So far, Giannini has reached the goals he established when he took over the job.

By all accounts, his first full recruiting crop is impressive, including 6-foot-6 Kimmani Barrett of Paterson (N.J.) Catholic; 6-5 Rodney Green of Prep Charter; 6-7 Brian Grimes of Germantown Academy; and 6-7 Yves Mekongo-Mbala of St. Patrick (Elizabeth, N.J.).

"This year, the goal was a winning season," Giannini said. "I thought we could do that, and we have done it a little bit earlier than expected. It's a great complement to the effort of our kids."

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La Salle wins sixth in a row

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What a difference a year makes.

Beetle with injuries for much of last season, La Salle coach John Giannini was forced to try to compete with a roster that included only seven scholarship players. That team finished with a very respectable 10 wins.

Last night, with Marshall Taylor undergoing surgery at nearby Albert Einstein Hospital for a ruptured appendix and Tabbby Cunningham sidelined with a sprained ankle, Giannini again found himself short-handed.

This team, however, is much different from a year ago.

La Salle (16-7, 8-4 Atlantic 10) eased its way to an easier-than-the-score-indicates 74-62 win over St. Bonaventure at Tom Goetz Arena. Seven Smith collected 22 points, six rebounds and six assists, and Jeremiah Thomas added 17 points, eight assists and five rebounds. The bench play was solid, and the confidence oozed as the over-surprising Explorers kept talk stirring of possible postseason accomplishments.

"I'm pleased that we won. I think our kids have obviously come a long way, and it's a wonderful group to work with, but today was not one of our best games," Giannini said. "We looked fatigued out there, but we'll take it. It was very important game for us to win to keep up with the competition in the conference."

It was the sixth straight win for the Explorers, the second time this season they've accomplished that feat. With Fordham's loss to Xavier, La Salle is in third place in the A-10. The top four teams get byes in the postseason conference tournament in Cincinnati.

Think about that for a minute. Remember, this team hasn't had a winning season since 1992-93; is still competing with only 10 scholarship players, and wasn't expected to come close to the win total it already has posted.

"I think the guys just get it now," said Thomas, who, during the six-game winning streak has posted 95 points and 33 assists while playing all but 17 minutes. "The demeanor of our team right now is that we're playing with a chip on our shoulder, and we're going to keep doing that until the season ends. The difference is, we finally realize we're good."

And improved. A performance like last night's by Sherman Diaz was almost unimaginable last season. Against the Bombers, though, the 6-4 forward tied a career high with 11 points, dealt three assists and hit three of four three-pointers. He was 1-for-14 beyond the arc entering the game.

A very gifted athlete who can run and jump with anyone, Diaz still seems to be learning the game. His hustle and desire will never be questioned. And, last night at least, his basketball skills weren't.

"It feels good," Diaz said of his contribution. "Any way I can help the team, that's just really what I

want to do. Right now, we're doing something special, so I just want to be a part of it."

He was in this win. As were other usually non-factor players, as the following sequence showed.

Trailing 21-19, midway through the first half, La Salle scored nine straight on a 15-foot jumper by Di-az, a spinning layup from Lewis Rodde, a steal and end-to-end driving layup by Sean Neal and a three-pointer from Diaz. That's more points than those three average a game — combined.

Again, what a difference a year makes. Of course it did help that the opponent was St. Bonaventure, which fell to 7-16, 1-11. It was the Bombers' 16th loss in 18 games.

Charles Barkley once said that former teammate Leon Wood should be called Leon Woo, because there is no "D" in him. Wood could get some run with the Bombers, because their defense, for most of the night, was non-existent, allowing the Explorers to shoot 30-for-64 (46.9 percent), deal 21 assists, lose only 11 turnovers and throw down seven dunks.

"We're becoming a winning team in our preparation and how we approach the game on the court," Thomas said. "We're in a good position right now in the A-10 at 8-4. We definitely are going to watch the scores, to see how other teams are doing. Getting that bye would be to our advantage because playing consecutive games is hard."

Really, who'd have thought it? ★



STEVEN SMITH dunks the ball in La Salle's victory.

STEVE GONICKS/Daily News

Explorers enjoy entertaining win

Steven Smith's stellar second half put away pesky Dayton for their seventh straight win.

By Ray Parrillo

INQUIRER STAFF WRITER
It was apparent from the opening tip-off yesterday at Tom Gola Arena that the feel-good story evolving at La Salle had yet to spread to Dayton, as the up-and-down Flyers boldly answered just about everything the Explorers tossed at them.

Highly entertaining from start to finish, the Atlantic Ten Conference game was like a show in which everyone had a chance to stand at center stage. But as the game neared conclusion, it became obvious the outcome would be decided by one of the two best players on the floor: La Salle's Steven Smith or Dayton's Brian Roberts.

Smith and the Explorers (17-9-4) won out, and La Salle stretched its winning streak to seven games and came a step closer to nailing down a first-round bye in the conference tournament with a 74-71 win over Dayton (12-14, 4-8).

Smith scored 19 of his game-high 25 points in the second half, when he hit all 11 of his free throws, and along with his teammates held his breath at the end, when a dynamic sophomore, was off-target on consecutive three-point attempts before the horn sounded.

"Brian Roberts was extremely hard to stop," said La Salle coach John Giannini, whose team clinched its first winning record in the A-10 since joining the league in the 1995-96 season. The Explorers are in sole possession of third place. "We were very fortunate they missed those last couple shots."

Giannini was being gracious. Roberts, who scored 21 of his 24 points in the second half, was smothered on the perimeter by rapidly switching La Salle defenders. Roberts, who had made four of his previous five three-point shots, was about five feet behind the stripe when he launched the first one with fewer than five seconds to go.

After teammate Charles Little tapped the rebound back out to him, Roberts was no closer on his next attempt, ending a Dayton possession that lasted the final 33 seconds. Earlier in the possession, La Salle's Sherman Diaz blocked a short jumper by Roberts, who then was off on a contested drive to the basket.

"We just didn't want to get caught on a screen or let someone get open," Giannini said.

The game had 20 lead changes, 15 in the second half. Sophomore Darnell Harris, one of the league's most dangerous three-point shooters during La Salle's winning streak, scored 16 points. He gave the Explorers a 55-53 lead with 9 minutes, 5 seconds left on a three-pointer and they never again trailed.

"My confidence [in shooting three] has always been up there, but it's even better when

La Salle 74, Dayton 71

DAYTON	Min	FGA	FG	FT	A	R	F	A	Pts
Little	29	4-10	0-0	7	9	8	0	0	8
Purvis	22	4-8	0-2	3	4	1	1	0	8
Burns	23	1-4	2-2	1	2	1	1	0	5
Williams	35	9-19	2-2	1	4	2	1	0	24
Scott	35	3-4	5-6	2	3	1	1	0	11
Scott	18	0-0	0-0	4	4	2	2	0	2
Anthony	4	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Bennett	11	2-3	0-2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Alvarez	21	2-4	2-2	1	2	0	0	0	6
Total	200	27-59	11-15	22	19	13	17	13	71

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Johnson	19	0-2	1-2	4	1	2	1	0	1
Smith	38	6-10	11-13	1	1	1	1	0	25
Falgarone	15	1-2	0-1	5	4	0	0	0	2
Harris	27	6-11	0-0	1	4	2	1	0	16
Thomas	37	6-14	3-4	3	1	6	1	0	17
Chase	21	2-3	2-2	0	0	0	0	0	9
Cunningham	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Last impressions

La Salle seniors finally enjoying best of times

By BOB CONEY
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As the time runs out on their college basketball careers, reflections almost unavoidable.

As with any player, the memories will trigger smiles for the good times, frowns and shangs for the bad.

But La Salle's Lewie Fadip, Steven Smith

and Jermaine Lewis traveled a very different road from most 4-year college players.

They will not leave with a Fadip



Thomas

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The success is an astonishing 17.7 record, including a 9-4 mark in the Atlantic 10. This group achieved the Explorers' first winning team since 1992-93, broke that league's Big 5 losing streak in position 10, over Temple and is in position 10 in the upcoming conference tournament.

Tonorrow night, they'll travel to sixth-ranked George Washington (22-1).

The three seniors couldn't be more different. Fadip is the happy-go-lucky guy who will do anything for his coach and teammates without hesitation. Still, wise on the basketball court, the 6-0 center often looks as un-

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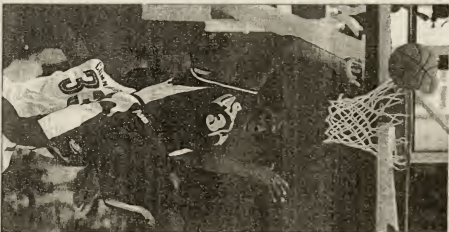


Photo by Bob Coney

we all worked very hard, playing against some pro players and other college players. And then with Steve coming back, we knew we could be good."

This good, though? Hard to imagine anyone saw it coming. But the team, led by the seniors, has had the right demeanor throughout.

"We have a one-of-a-kind team," Thomas said. "We have a lot of good balls. We've always been like that, even through the success of this season, for me, is pretty unique than any other team. And the closeness extends beyond the court. Last summer, Rick's father, Lewie, died unexpectedly at the family's home in Nigeria at the age of 67. A death in the family is never easy to deal with, especially for a young adult so far from home.

That was a very tough time for me and Jermaine said. But the coaches and staff were so much. It really made a difference with them, which were already so good, even more solid. I think of him a lot and I think the success of this season, for me, is compensation for losing him."

And compensation for a whole lot more. ★

La Salle got a boost when Steven Smith decided to return for his senior season.

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The above description of the life history of the fly is based on the material collected by the author in the field and in the laboratory. It is not intended to be a complete life history, but rather a summary of the most important features of the life history of the fly. The life history of the fly is very complex and involves many factors, including the environment, the host, and the fly's own biology. The above description is intended to provide a general overview of the life history of the fly, and to highlight the most important features of the life history of the fly.

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nova to get d tune-up

By Shannon Ryan
NIGHTEN STAFF WRITER

The Wildcats begin the Big East Tuesday at Madison Square Garden. It's a round check today at the Carrier Dome, N.Y., where more than 34,000 wild fans are expected to show up to

the senior point guard Gerry McNamara. "I don't know a player as loved as Gerry McNamara is there," Villanova coach Jay Wright said of the Scranton native. The atmosphere "is something I'll talk to the guys about. That is a challenge up there."

The No. 4 Wildcats (23-3, 13-2 Big East) already enjoyed their Senior Day on Wednesday against St. John's, to run Syracuse's senior celebration onto a bigger — if not much 0, 7-8) will be the Wildcats' final opponent. Villanova is nearly assured for the Big East tournament. UConn split their two meetings, have a Big East bye before playing the Wildcats on C3

The goal of the tournament goes far beyond crowning a champion. Seagulls and others see the event as a vehicle to promote the game globally, attract new fans and players, and build new revenue streams worldwide.

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Johnny Damon, Ken Griffey Jr., Derek Jeter, Chipper Jones, Jake Peavy, Alex Rodriguez, Chase Utley, Dontrelle Williams



RON CORTES / Inquirer Staff Photographer

La Salle's Steven Smith will take two as the scores over St. Louis' Vas Strun Newborn (front) and Tommie Liddell. He scored 18 of his 26 points in the second half and had a career-high 16 boards.

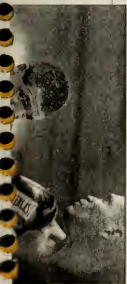
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Explorers' big win yields gigantic bye

Steven Smith was sensational in the regular-season finale, allowing La Salle to skip the first round of the A-10 tourney.

By Ray Parrillo
NIGHTEN STAFF WRITER

There was 1 minute, 30 seconds remaining in yesterday's La Salle-St. Louis game when the Explorers' Steven Smith ended his personal celebration of Senior Day at Tom Gola Arena by dropping in the last of his second-half flurry of midrange jump shots.

And the look of resignation on the St. Louis player, attempting to guard him, 6-foot-10 center Ian Vouyoukas, told the story of how this game had played out.

On a day when points were hard to come by and the Bluebirds clamped down hard on La Salle's best, long-range shooters, Smith grabbed control by scoring 18 of his 26 points in the second half as the Explorers ended the regular season in style with a 62-52 win in a gritty

Atlantic Ten Conference game. The most surprising team in the conference this season, La Salle (18-9, 10-6) wrapped up third place and a bye in the first round of the conference tourney, which begins Wednesday in Cincinnati.

If the Explorers had lost, they would have dropped to fifth and St. Joseph's, which yesterday knocked off Duquesne, would have earned the bye. It's also likely that La Salle will receive an invitation to the A-10 if it is unable to win the A-10 tourney.

Despite the loss, St. Louis (16-12, 10-6) still gets a bye as the fourth-place team. "The bye is gigantic," said John Giannini, La Salle's second-year coach. "We really pointed toward the end of the season to finish as See LA SALLE on C6

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Wizards: Channel 6, WPAM (610).
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David Aldridge gives his take on who should really be selected to team USA. On the NBA, C10.

THE PRIDE IS BACK!

Most Atlantic 10 wins all-time

Most overall wins since 1991-92

First winning season since 1992-93

Most Atlantic 10 road wins all-time

**First win all-time at Cintas Center
(Xavier)**

First home sell-out in four seasons

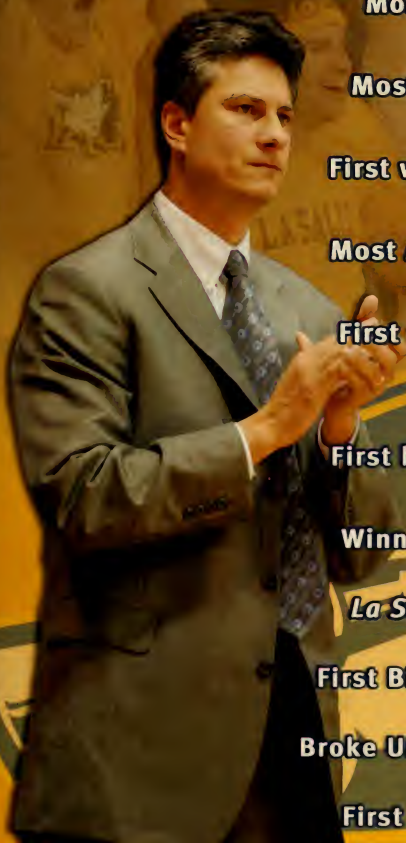
**Winner of longest game in school
history (4 overtimes)**

La Salle 107 - Central Ct. St. 106

First Big 5 win in four years (Temple)

Broke UMass' 12-game home win streak

First win over Dayton in 11 games



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Sun. 20	at Maryland - Baltimore Co.	6:00 PM
Sat. 26	AMERICAN	2:05 PM
Wed. 30	Mount Saint Mary's	7:05 PM

December

Sat. 3	DREXEL (Big 5 Classic)	12:00 PM
Sun. 11	at James Madison	2:00 PM
Sun. 18	at Central Connecticut St.	12:05 PM
Tue. 20	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	7:05 PM
Thu. 22	at Villanova	7:30 PM
Wed. 28	St. Francis (PA)	7:05 PM
Fri. 30	HOFSTRA	7:05 PM

January

Wed. 4	DUQUESNE	12:05 PM
Sat. 7	at Richmond	7:00 PM
Wed. 11	CHARLOTTE	7:05 PM
Sat. 14	at Temple	12:00 PM
Wed. 18	RHODE ISLAND	4:05 PM
Sat. 21	at Saint Joseph's	12:05 PM
Wed. 25	at Penn	8:00 PM
Sun. 29	MASSACHUSETTS	2:05 PM

February

Wed. 1	at Duquesne	7:05 PM
Sat. 4	TEMPLE	4:05 PM
Wed. 8	at Massachusetts	7:00 PM
Sat. 11	at Xavier	12:05 PM
Wed. 15	ST. BONAVENTURE	7:05 PM
Sat. 18	DAYTON	2:05 PM
Wed. 22	at George Washington	7:30 PM

March

Wed. 1	at Fordham	7:30 PM
Sat. 4	SAINT LOUIS	2:05 PM
Wed.-Sat. 8-11	Atlantic 10 Championships (Cincinnati, OH)	

